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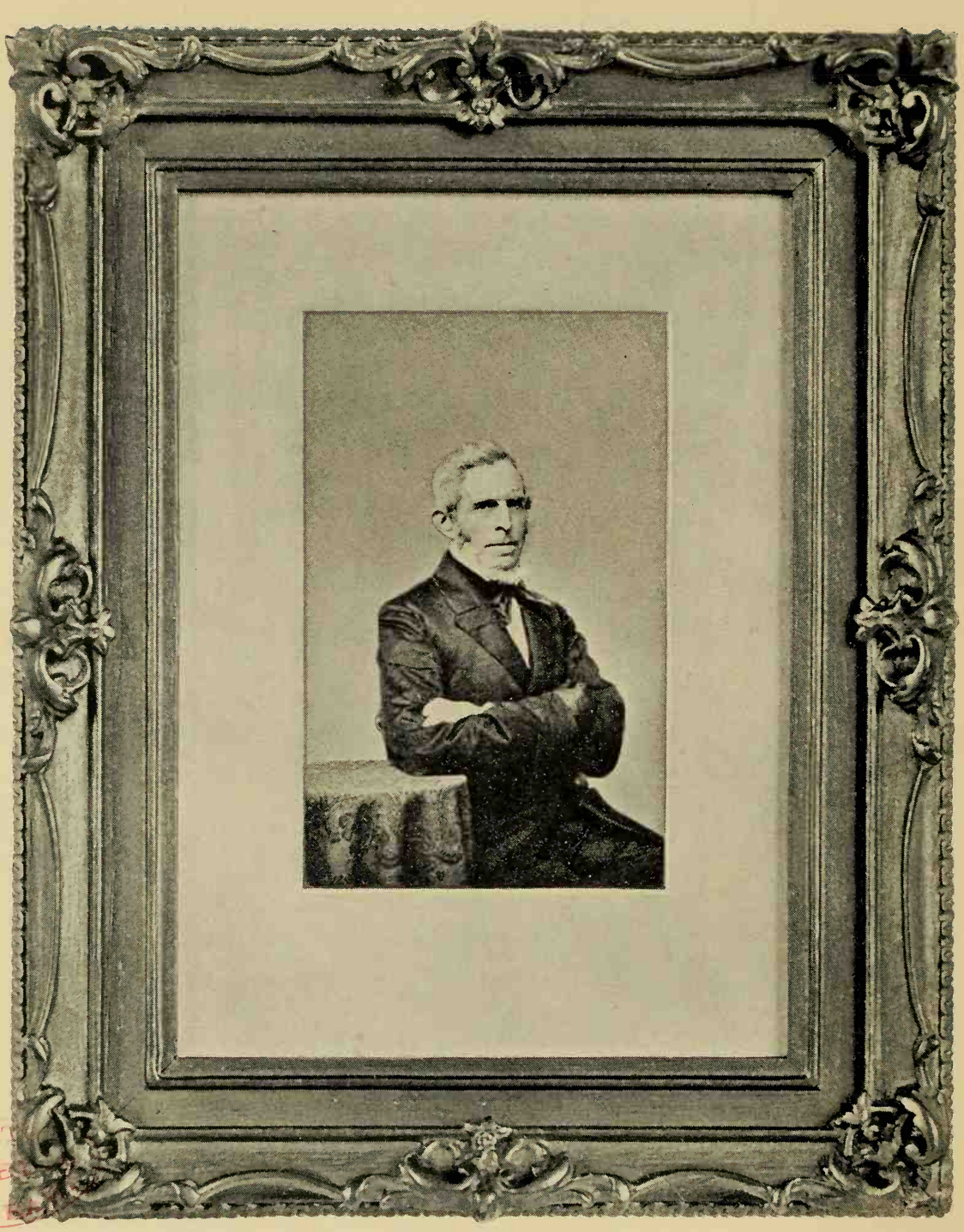

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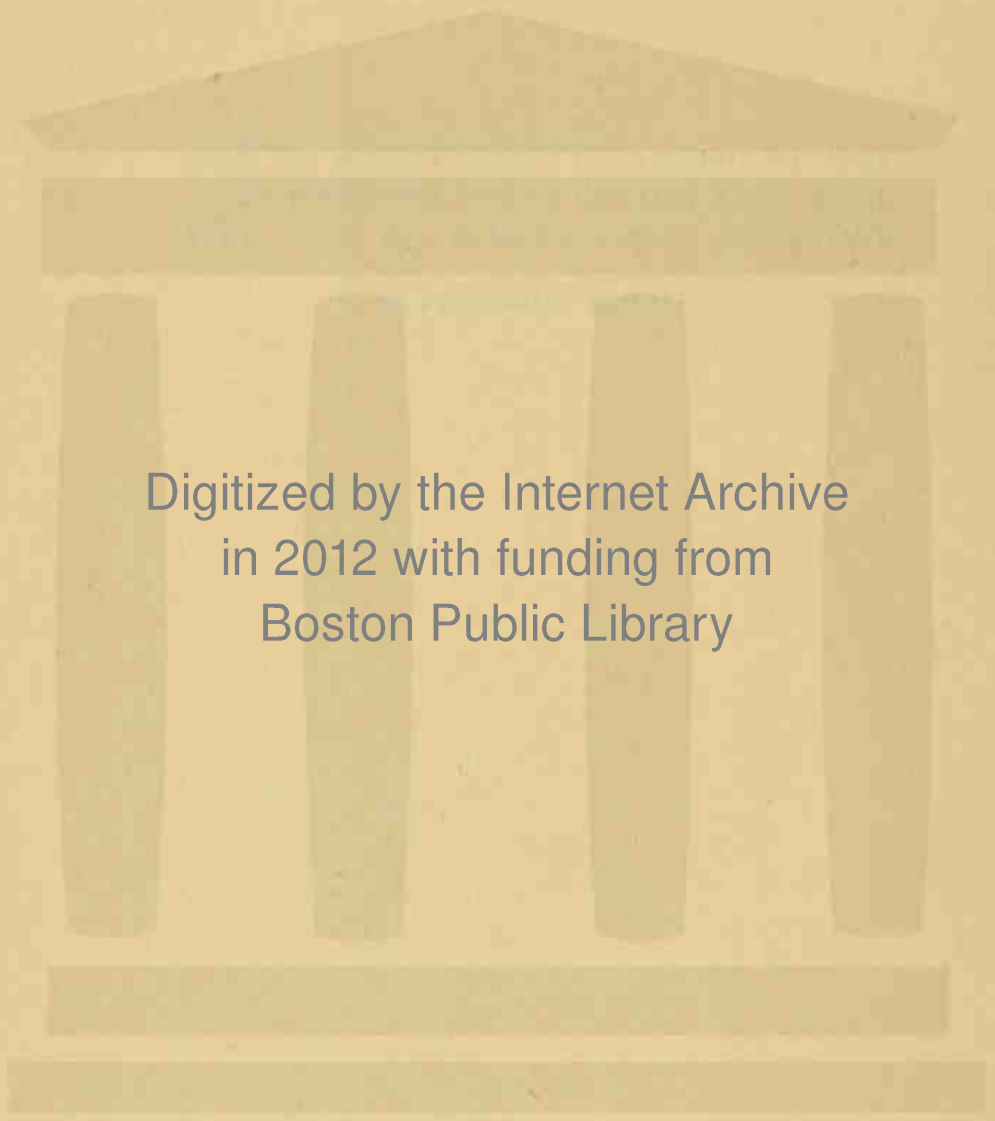
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PREFACE

In this record, I have traced the ancestry of John Simmons, back to his Immigrant Ancestor, Moses Simmons, who was one of the second party of Pilgrims, thirty-five in number, who came in the ship *Fortune* and landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in November, 1621, one year after the *Mayflower*.

Included in the record, are as many of the descendants of Moses Simmons, who bore the name of Simmons, as I have found in a leisurely study of forty years.

The record is very far from complete but as a contribution to *Simmons Genealogy*, it may be of some use. I offer it as a tribute of respect for Mr. John Simmons.

Henry S. Rowe

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THE ANCESTRY OF JOHN SIMMONS

FAMILY NUMBERS

In this Genealogical Record, the families are numbered in regular descent from the Immigrant Moses Simmons, Moses Simmons's family being Family Number One.

The first of the figures, in parentheses after the name of the parent, is the number of the family of which the parent was a member. The second figure is the rank of the parent in that family: (15–7) means that the parent was the seventh member of family numbered fifteen.

DOUBLE DATING

The Gregorian Calendar, introduced by bull of Pope Gregory XIII, in February, 1582, and adopted in England by an English statute which took effect in September, 1752, established January first as the beginning of the year instead of Lady Day, March twenty-fifth. This caused double year-dates between January first and March twenty-fifth, before September, 1752; that is, February 22, 1732, would sometimes be given February 22, 1731/2.

Duxbury was first settled in 1632; incorporated in 1637, June 7.
Scituate was first settled in 1628; incorporated in 1642.
Bridgewater was incorporated in 1656, June 3.
Plympton was part of Plymouth; incorporated in 1707.
Pembroke was incorporated in 1712, March 21.
Hanover was part of Scituate; incorporated in 1727.
Little Compton. The actual beginning of Little Compton was in the settlement of Colonel Benjamin Church, in 1674; grants

of the land having been given at Plymouth. In 1745, Little Compton and Tiverton were set off from Massachusetts as part of Rhode Island. The boundary line was the cause of dissensions for about two hundred years until finally established by the Supreme Court of the United States in 1862.

Duxbury. The Town Records of Duxbury were destroyed by fire in 1666. Duxbury dates before 1666 are uncertain. William Pabodie was Town Clerk of Duxbury in 1666, and began the new Records at that time.

Descent of JOHN SIMMONS *from* MOSES SIMMONS *the Immigrant*

			MARRIED
Family No. 1.	Moses Simmons	and Sarah	after May 22, 1627
Family No. 3.	John Simmons	and Mercy Pabodie	Nov. 16, 1669
Family No. 9.	William Simmons	and Abigail Church	1696
Family No. 21.	Joseph Simmons	and Rebecca Wood	Mar. 28, 1726
Family No. 42.	John Simmons	and Lydia Grinnell	July 13, 1746
Family No. 75.	Bennoni Simmons	and Nancy Bailey	Dec. 19, 1784
Family No. 97.	John Simmons	and Ann Small	Oct. 29, 1818

Descent of JOHN SIMMONS *from* JOHN ALDEN *of the Mayflower*

John Alden	and Priscilla Mullens
Elizabeth Alden	and William Pabodie
John Simmons	and Mercy Pabodie
William Simmons	and Abigail Church
Joseph Simmons	and Rebecca Wood
John Simmons	and Lydia Grinnell
Bennoni Simmons	and Nancy Bailey
John Simmons	and Ann Small

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FAMILY NUMBERS OF FAMILIES BEARING THE NAME SIMMONS, DESCENDANTS OF MOSES SIMMONS, THE IMMIGRANT

1.	MOSES	and	Sarah ——
2.	Moses	(1– 2) and	Patience Barstow
3.	John	(1– 3) and	Mercy Pabodie
4.	Aaron	(1– 5) and	Mary Woodworth
5.	John	(2– 2) and	Experience Bicknell
6.	Aaron	(2– 4) and	Martha Cobb Tinkham
7.	Job	(2– 5) and	Hannah Bishop
8.	John	(3– 1) and	Susannah Tracy
9.	William	(3– 2) and	Abigail Church
10.	Isaac	(3– 3) and	Martha Chandler
11.	Benjamin	(3– 5) and	1. Lorah Sampson 2. Priscilla Delano
12.	Moses	(3– 6) and	Rachel Sampson
13.	Joseph	(3– 7) and	Mary Weston
14.	Joshua	(3– 9) and	Sarah Delano
15.	Moses	(4– 2) and	Rachel Cudworth
16.	Ebenezer	(4– 5) and	Lydia Kent
17.	David	(6– 1) and	Priscilla ——
18.	John	(7– 7) and	Hopestill Stutson
19.	Job	(7–10) and	Abigail Parris
20.	William	(9– 2) and	Mary Pearce
21.	Joseph	(9– 4) and	Rebecca Wood
22.	John	(9– 5) and	Comfort Shaw
23.	Benjamin	(9– 9) and	Mercy Taylor
24.	Ichabod	(9–10) and	Experience Pearce
25.	Peleg	(9–11) and	Mary Brownell
26.	Isaac	(10– 3) and	Lydia Cushman
27.	Zachariah	(11– 2) and	Deborah Bishop
28.	Benjamin	(11– 3) and	Fear Sampson
29.	Aaron	(11– 8) and	Sarah Holmes
30.	Ichabod	(12– 2) and	1. Lydia Soule 2. Mercy C. Sprague

31. Nathaniel (13– 1) and Mercy Simmons (12– 1)
32. Moses (15– 1) and Abigail Merritt
33. Aaron (15– 2) and Elizabeth Hyland
34. Joshua (16– 2) and Elizabeth Dillingham
35. Ebenezer (16– 5) and Mrs. Leah Whitten
36. Reuben (16– 7) and Sarah Lincoln
37. Peleg (16– 8) and 1. Ruth Bowker 2. Mrs. Sarah P. Clap
38. Isaac (20– 2) and Mary Church
39. George (20– 5) and 1. Deborah Taylor 2. Lucy (Little) Davis 3. Sarah (Carr) Wilbour
40. Adam (20– 6) and Deborah Church
41. Aaron (20– 7) and Abigail Church
42. John (21– 1) and Lydia Grinnell
43. Edward (21– 3) and Mary Robinson
44. Jonathan (21– 5) and Abigail Bailey
45. Ephraim (21– 6) and Mary Richmond
46. Joseph (21– 9) and Mary Simmons (38– 4)
47. Zarah (22– 3) and 1. Phœbe Brownell 2. Susannah Stoddard
48. John (22– 7) and Hannah Brightman
49. Peter (23– 1) and Rebecca Rouse
50. Benjamin (23– 3) and Mary ——
51. Samuel (23– 4) and 1. Phœbe Manchester 2. Sarah Coe
52. Ivory (23– 7) and Sarah Borden
53. Ichabod (23– 9) and Ruth Simmons (41– 2)
54. Thomas (25– 1) and Bethia Sprague
55. Gideon (25– 3) and 1. Patience Ellis 2. Ruth Stoddard
56. Benjamin (25–11) and Susannah Briggs
57. Consider (26– 1) and Nepheta Soule
58. Nathan (27– 1) and Lydia Holmes
59. Jesse (29– 3) and Lucy Weston
60. Noah (30– 2) and 1. Sylvia Southworth 2. Diana Keen
61. Lemuel (30– 3) and Abigail Peirce

62. Nathaniel (30– 5) and Lydia Sprague
63. Joseph (31– 2) and Elizabeth Chamberlain
64. Samuel (32– 2) and 1. Sarah Morton; 2. Thankful Curtis
65. Barnabas (32– 4) and Lydia Wade
66. Aaron (33– 1) and Mrs. Martha Vinal
67. Elisha (34– 8) and Martha Hersey
68. Allen (36– 3) and Silence ——
69. David (36– 5) and Mary Stimpson
70. William (38– 1) and Anna Richmond
71. Nathaniel (38– 2) and Mary Wood
72. Caleb (38– 3) and Mercy Simmons (23– 8)
73. Davis (39– 2) and 1. Elizabeth Cook; 2. Mary Cook
74. Isaac (40– 4) and Abishag Briggs
75. Bennoni (42– 3) and Nancy Bailey
76. John (42– 5) and Ruth Mitchell
77. Pardon (48– 2) and Betsy Church
78. Stephen (48– 4) and Priscilla Head
79. William (51– 1) and Rebecca ——
80. Weston (59– 1) and Lucy Tolman
81. Martin (59– 3) and Abigail (Nabby) Magoun
82. Aaron (59– 5) and 1. Lucy Magoun; 2. Sarah Chandler
83. Lyman (59– 6) and Mary Loudon
84. Charles (60– 3) and Lydia Weston
85. Noah (60– 9) and Abigail Sampson
86. George (61– 7) and Mercy Bates
87. Ichabod (62–10) and Marcia B. Simmons (86– 1)
88. Joshua (62–12) and Jane W ——
89. James (63– 1) and Christiana Keen
90. Thomas (64– 4) and Bethia Gray
91. Joseph (66– 1) and Asenith Freeman
92. William (67– 1) and Lucia Hammett
93. Ebenezer (67– 2) and 1. Sophia Richmond; 2. Mrs. Mary H. Curtis
94. Benjamin (67– 6) and —— ——
95. Lindall (71– 3) and Mary Taylor

96. Cornelius (75– 1) and { 1. Margaret Lord / 2. Eliza Bradford }
97. John (75– 6) and Ann Small
98. Valentine (75– 7) and { 1. Mary A. Lombard / 2. Lydia Bailey }
99. Warren (96– 1)
100. George W. (96– 2) and Frances A. Gay
101. John Jr. (97– 2) and Martha P. Vinton
102. Theodore A. (97– 6) and Harriet W. Jackson
103. Peter L. (98– 2) and Annie M. Stearns
104. Frank Wells (98– 6) and { 1. Lizzie Gay / 2. Harriet M. Taylor }

MOSES SIMMONS
THE IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR

MOSES SIMMONS

MOSES SIMMONS, the Immigrant Ancestor of John Simmons, was probably born in England, his family of English origin.

He went to Holland with the Pilgrims and sailed from Leyden, in 1621, in the ship *Fortune*, one of the second party of Pilgrims.

In 1607, the Pilgrims began to go from England to Holland. In 1617, they had increased in number and thought of going to America. They sent a committee to England, consisting of William Bradford and Robert Cushman, to procure a grant of land in America. The grant was obtained in 1619.

The first party of Pilgrims sailed from Leyden in 1620, in two ships, the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell*. These ships called at Southampton, England, and both sailed from there August 5, 1620.

The *Speedwell* was found to be unseaworthy, so both ships put back to Plymouth, England, and the *Speedwell* gave up the voyage. The *Mayflower* sailed alone from Plymouth, September 6, 1620, arrived at Cape Cod, November 11, and landed her passengers at Plymouth, Massachusetts, December 21, 1620.

Robert Cushman of Holvenden, Kent, with eighteen other Pilgrims who sailed from Leyden in the *Speedwell*, returned from Plymouth to Holland and sailed again from Leyden, for America, in 1621, in the ship *Fortune*, the second party of Pilgrims. This party, numbering thirty-five, was under the direction of Robert Cushman, who brought with him the patent and grant of land which he and William Bradford had obtained in England, in 1619, for the new colony in America.

The *Fortune* arrived at Cape Cod, November 9, 1621, and landed her passengers at Plymouth, Massachusetts, November 19, 1621, one year after the landing of the *Mayflower*.

On her return voyage, the *Fortune* was captured by the French and Cushman was imprisoned. On the ship list, Cushman was called a wool carder.

Each of the thirty-five Pilgrims who came in the *Fortune* received a land grant of one acre of land in Plymouth, in 1623. Moses Simmons was one of the thirty-five.

On May 22, 1627, Moses Simmons received an unmarried man's share of a Division Grant of land in Plymouth, so he must have been of age and unmarried at that time.

Moses Simmons must have been a man of considerable importance in the colony. In addition to the grants of land in Plymouth, in 1623 and 1627, he received a grant of forty acres in Duxbury in 1638 and a grant of land in Bridgewater in 1645.

He was one of the original proprietors of Middleboro, in 1662, and of Dartmouth, and was one of the original proprietors of Old Dartmouth, now New Bedford.

He was taxed in Duxbury, in 1633, and continued to live there until his death in 1689. In 1637, he was one of a committee to lay out highways around Plymouth and Duxbury, representing Duxbury.

March 7, 1652, Moses Simmons was recorded as one of the thirty-four owners of a tract of land extending three miles along the seaside and eight miles into the woods, this land having been purchased from the Indians.

John Simmons, son of the first Moses, had land granted him in Duxbury, in 1686.

Isaac Simmons, son of John and grandson of the first Moses, received a land grant in Duxbury, 1699, at Simmons's Meadow.

On September 12, 1707, Duxbury voted grants of twenty acres of land to each freeholder and housekeeper. These grants were received by the living son and grandsons of the first Moses Simmons, as follows:

June 5, 1710. Twenty acres each to John Simmons, Senior, John Simmons, Junior, John Simmons, 3d., Benjamin, Isaac, Joseph and Joshua Simmons.

(John Simmons, Sr., was then the only living son of Moses.)

June 16, 1712. Grants were made to John Simmons, Sr., John Simmons,

Jr., Benjamin, Joseph, Joshua, John, deceased, and Isaac Simmons.

May 10, 1748. Grants were made to Moses Simmons, John Simmons, Jr.'s heirs, Benjamin, Isaac, Joseph, and Joshua Simmons.

Moses Simmons, the Immigrant, died in Duxbury, in 1689. His will, dated June 17, 1689, was as follows:

"To my daughter Mary, wife of Joseph Alden 4 Pounds.
To my son Aaron, - - - - - - - 4 Pounds.
To my daughter Elizabeth, now wife of Richard Dwelley, 5 shillings.
To my daughter Sarah, now wife of James Nash, 2 Pounds and 10 shillings, of which the said James Nash has 2 Pounds and 5 shillings in his hands already.
To my son John, 4 Pounds, he to be Executor of my will dated June 17, 1689."

This will was filed September 15, 1691. The inventory was taken September 10, 1691, amounting to 33 pounds.

His oldest son, Moses, died in 1676, before the will was made. His oldest child, Rebecca, who married John Soule in 1655, must have died before 1680, when John Soule married a second wife, so was not living at the time the will was made.

It has been said that the Immigrant, Moses Simmons, had a son Thomas. In a forty years' study of the Moses Simmons family, I have failed to find any reliable record that the first Moses Simmons had a son Thomas.

Justin Winsor, in his *History of Duxbury*, says that Thomas Simmons, son of the first Moses Simmons, was a servant of Samuel Fuller. Samuel Fuller was surgeon of the *Mayflower* and landed in Plymouth a year before Moses Simmons came in the *Fortune*.

There was a Thomas Simmons in Scituate, but I have not been able to connect him with Moses Simmons who came in the *Fortune*.

DESCENDANTS OF MOSES SIMMONS

1. Moses Simmons, the immigrant ancestor, married *Sarah* * ——, (maiden name not known) after May 22, 1627, when Moses received an unmarried man's share of a land grant in Plymouth. Moses died in Duxbury, in 1689. His will, dated June 17, 1689, was allowed in Court on September 15, 1691. Sarah must have died before June 17, 1689, as she was not mentioned in the will.

Their children, all born in Duxbury, were:

1. Rebecca, born about 1635, married John Soule, son of George Soule of the *Mayflower*, in 1655. Rebecca died before 1680, when John Soule married a second wife, Esther (Nash) Sampson, widow of Samuel Sampson, who was killed in King Philip's War in 1678. Esther was born in 1639 and died September 12, 1735. John Soule was born in 1632 and died in 1707.
2. Moses, born about 1640, married Patience Barstow of Scituate, in 1665. She was the daughter of William and Ann Barstow, born October 3, 1643. William Barstow came to Scituate in the *Truelove* in 1635. Moses Simmons died in 1676. His will was dated March 7, 1676, and recorded December 17, 1676. Patience married, second, Samuel Baker of Marshfield, February 21, 1678. He died in 1699, in Duxbury.
3. John, born about 1642, married November 16, 1669, Mercy Pabodie,† daughter of William ‡ and Elizabeth (Alden) Pabodie

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* The maiden family name of 'Sarah,' wife of the immigrant Moses Simmons, is not known at the present time. The Town Records of Duxbury, previous to 1666, were destroyed by fire, so that the exact date of birth of the children of Moses Simmons, the immigrant, and his wife Sarah, are not now known. The first entries in the existing Records of Duxbury were made by William Pabodie, who was Town Clerk of Duxbury in 1666.

† Mercy Pabodie, daughter of William and Elizabeth A. Pabodie, born January 2, 1649, in Duxbury, married John Simmons, November 16, 1669, in Duxbury. William Pabodie died December 13, 1707, in Little Compton. He went from Duxbury to Little Compton, R.I., in 1684.

‡ William Pabodie was born in 1620, the son of John Pabodie. On December 20, 1644, in Duxbury, William Pabodie was married to Elizabeth Alden, daughter of

and grand-daughter of John Alden. She was born in Duxbury, January 2, 1649. They went to Little Compton, R.I., to live, in 1684. John died in 1715; his will was dated February 11, 1715, and was recorded February 9, 1716, when Mercy was appointed administratrix. Mercy died in 1728; her will, dated September 26, 1728, was recorded November 8, 1728. John was Town Clerk of Duxbury in 1683. He had a grant of land in Duxbury, in 1686.

4. Mary, born about 1644, married in 1664, Joseph Alden who was born in Plymouth, in 1624, son of John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden. Joseph Alden died in Bridgewater, February 8, 1697. Mary died after June 17, 1689, the date of her father's will.
5. Aaron, born about 1646, married Mary Woodworth, December 24, 1677, in Scituate. Mary was daughter of Walter Woodworth, born March 10, 1651. They lived in Scituate. Aaron died after June 17, 1689.
6. Elizabeth, born about 1648, married Richard Dwelley, before 1689, his second wife. Dwelley's first wife was Eams Glass whom he married in Scituate, April 4, 1682.
7. Sarah, born about 1650, married James Nash, Jr., of Weymouth, and they lived there. Sarah died after June 17, 1689. Sarah and James Nash, Jr., had one child, Sarah, born April 21, 1669.

2. *Moses Simmons* (1–2), married *Patience Barstow.*

Children, all born in Scituate:

1. Moses, baptized June 10, 1666, in Scituate, unmarried, died in 1690, in expedition to Canada.
2. John, baptized March 15, 1667, in Scituate, married Experience Bicknell of Weymouth, April 19, 1703, daughter of John and Mary Bicknell, born October 20, 1665. John died in 1711.
3. Sarah, baptized July 3, 1670; married a Thomson. A widow, Sarah Thomson, living in Halifax, in 1734; died October 24, 1742.
4. Aaron, baptized August 4, 1672; married at Middleboro, in 1716, Martha (Cobb) Tinkham, daughter of John Cobb, Jr., and widow of Ephraim Tinkham. Lived in Middleboro. Aaron died February 6, 1757. Martha died August 8, 1775.

John Alden. Elizabeth was born in Plymouth, Mass., in 1625 and died May 31, 1717, in Little Compton, R.I.

5. Job, born in 1671, baptized October 4, 1674; married in Plymouth, June 15, 1700, Hannah Bishop, daughter of James and Mary Bishop. Lived in Plympton. Job died in Halifax, September 26, 1761. Hannah died in Halifax, November 12, 1738.
6. Patience, baptized March 18, 1675 (her mother a widow then). Patience married George Barrows, February 14, 1695 and died October 30, 1723, in Plymouth.

3. *John Simmons* (1–3) married *Mercy Pabodie*, grand-daughter of John Alden.

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. John, born February 22, 1670; married Susannah Tracy, November 4, 1715, born September 6, 1674. John died in 1739. Susannah died February 25, 1756, a widow.
2. William, born February 24, 1672; married Abigail Church, daughter of Joseph. Went in 1696 to Little Compton. Abigail, born in 1680; died July 4, 1720, in Little Compton. William died in 1765; will, March 8, 1750; recorded September 28, 1765; died in Little Compton, R.I.
3. Isaac, born January 28, 1674; married Martha Chandler, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Chandler of Duxbury, born, 1673.
4. Martha, born November 17, 1677; married (1), Ebenezer Delano, December 29, 1699, born December 23, 1672; married (2), Samuel West, June 20, 1709. Martha died July 7, 1715, in Pembroke.
5. Benjamin, born in 1678, married (1), Lorah Sampson,* daughter of Caleb and grand-daughter of Henry Sampson ‡ of the *Mayflower*, January 3, 1706; married (2), Priscilla Delano,† daughter

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* *Lorah Sampson* (3–5) and *Rachel Sampson* (3–6) were sisters, daughters of *Mercy Standish*, grand-daughters of *Sarah Alden* and great-grand-daughters of *John Alden* and of *Myles Standish*. They were also grand-daughters of *Henry Sampson*, of the *Mayflower*.

† *Priscilla Delano* (3–5) and *Sarah Delano* (3–9) were sisters, daughters of *Elizabeth Standish*, grand-daughters of *Sarah Alden* and great-grand-daughters of *John Alden* and of *Myles Standish*.

‡ *Henry Sampson*, of the *Mayflower*, married *Ann Plummer*. Their son, *Caleb Sampson*, married *Mercy Standish*, daughter of *Alexander Standish* and *Sarah Alden*. Henry Sampson died December 24, 1684.

of Samuel and Elizabeth (Standish) Delano, July 7, 1715. She died February 7, 1746/7. Benjamin died in 1748.

6. Moses, born February 1680; married Rachel Sampson,* daughter of Caleb and grand-daughter of Henry Sampson of the *Mayflower*, March 26, 1718. Moses died June 21, 1761, in Duxbury.
7. Joseph, born in 1683; married Mary Weston, daughter of Elnathan Weston and Desire (Doten) (Sherman) (Holmes) (Standish) Weston,‡ February 8, 1709 (widow of Alexander Standish). Joseph died May 20, 1761. Mary died January 23, 1759, aged 70 years.
8. Rebecca, born in 1685; married Constant Southworth, February 10, 1715. Constant died in 1731. Rebecca died September 6, 1774.
9. Joshua, born in 1688; married Sarah Delano,† April 4, 1728, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Standish) Delano. Joshua died January 15, 1774.

4. *Aaron Simmons* (1–5) married *Mary Woodworth.*

Children, born in Scituate:

1. Rebecca, born December 2, 1679, baptized July 16, 1682, married Timothy White, January 1, 1707/8. Timothy born November 7, 1679.
2. Moses, born February 24, 1681/2; married Rachel Cudworth of Scituate, January 1, 1711/2, daughter of Jonathan, born October 11, 1689.
3. Mary, born March 11, 1683/4; died January 23, 1759.
4. Elizabeth, born August 27, 1686; married Joseph Vinal, April 30, 1716. He was born —— 1691.
5. Ebenezer, born June 10, 1689; married Lydia Kent, December 23, 1714. She was born July 16, 1683, in Scituate.

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* See note, page 14. † See note, page 14.

‡ *Desire (Standish) Weston:*

Desire Doten, of Duxbury, married William Sherman, who died in King Philip's War, 1675–1676.

Desire Sherman (widow), married Israel Holmes, born in 1642; he died in 1684.

Desire Holmes (widow), married Alexander Standish, his second wife. He died in 1702.

Desire Standish (widow) (Sherman, Holmes, Standish), married Elnathan Weston.

6. Lydia, born March 27, 1693; married Ezekiel Woodworth, of Lebanon, Conn., Nov. 14, 1723.

5. *John Simmons* (2–2) married *Experience Bicknell* * of Weymouth, April 19, 1703, at Weymouth, daughter of John and Mary Bicknell, born October 20, 1665, in Weymouth. John Simmons died, 1711. Experience was appointed administratrix November 9, 1711. No record found of any children.

6. *Aaron Simmons* (2–4) married *Martha (Cobb) Tinkham*, daughter of John Cobb, Jr., and widow of Ephraim Tinkham.

Children, born in Middleboro (except David):

1. David, born February 12, 1717, in Scituate; married Priscilla ——.
2. Aaron, born September 6, 1719.
3. Patience, born February 21, 1723.
4. Martha, born January 11, 1729; married Nelson Finney, in 1749.

7. *Job Simmons* (2–5) married *Hannah Bishop.*

Children, born in Plympton:

1. Patience, born March 1, 1702; died December 30, 1712.
2. Abigail, born October 21, 1703.
3. Rebecca, born May 3, 1706.
4. Moses, born February 25, 1708.
5. Ebenezer, born November 18, 1709.

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* In Winsor's *History of Duxbury* and other records, this name is given 'Picknel,' which is an error.

Record of the Bicknell family:

John Bicknell was born in England in 1623; married Mary Porter, December 2, 1658, in Weymouth, Mass. John died in Weymouth, Mass., in 1678.

Children, born in Weymouth, Mass.:

1. Ruth, born October 26, 1660.
2. Joanna, born March 2, 1663.
3. Experience, born October 20, 1665; married John Simmons, April 19, 1703.
4. Zachary, born February 7, 1667.
5. Thomas, born August 27, 1670.
6. Elizabeth, born April 29, 1673.
7. Hannah, born November 15, 1675.
8. Mary, born March 15, 1678.

6. Sarah, born March 17, 1712; married Abraham Howland, Jr., of Pembroke, March 11, 1731.
7. John, born May 7, 1714; married Hopestill Stutson, October 21, 1736, at Kingston.
8. Elizabeth, born December 13, 1716; married Isaac Jennings, Jr., of Pembroke, March 17, 1737. Went to Cornwall, Conn.
9. Elijah, born March 14, 1718.
10. Job, born May 20, 1720; married Abigail Parris of Pembroke, October 20, 1742. She was born November 20, 1725. Went to Cornwall.
11. Hannah, born October 18, 1721; married Percy Fish, September 13, 1750, Kingston.
12. Rachel, born January 21, 1723; baptized in Halifax Church, December 17, 1738.

8. *John Simmons* (3–1) married *Susannah Tracy.*

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. John, born August 22, 1716; married Joanna Doten, September 13, 1750; died December 17, 1770. Joanna died August —, 1806.
2. Ruth, born April 26, 1719; died February 5, 1790.
3. Joel, born February 5, 1723; married (1) Deborah Loring of Pembroke, October 22, 1761. Deborah was born March 31, 1738, daughter of Thomas and Mary Loring of Duxbury and died October 1, 1762; married (2) Rhoda Stetson of Scituate, April 10, 1764.
4. Leah, born September 7, 1728.

9. *William Simmons* (3–2) married *Abigail Church,* daughter of Joseph and Mary (Tucker) Church of Little Compton, in 1696. William went from Duxbury to Little Compton, in 1696.

Children born in Little Compton:

1. Mercy, born July 1, 1697; married James Bennett of Roxbury, September 13, 1725, second wife. James died 1729, in Little Compton. Mercy died November, 1768.
2. William, born September 30, 1699; married Mary Pearce, December 31, 1721, daughter of George and Alice Pearce, born May 16, 1700; died January 31, 1755. William died January 8, 1774.

3. Lydia, born December 15, 1700; married Joseph Tillinghast of Newport, April 4, 1723.
4. Joseph, born March 4, 1702; married Rebecca Wood, March 28, 1726; died July 17, 1778. Rebecca was born December 26, 1704.
5. John, born August 14, 1704; married Comfort Shaw, April 6, 1728; died March 8, 1774. Comfort was born August 9, 1709; died May, 1785.
6. Abigail, born July 14, 1706; married Job Palmer of Norwich, Conn., December 8, 1736, second wife.
7. Rebecca, born May 8, 1708; married Nathaniel Badger, Jr., January 6, 1731, in Norwich, Conn. He was born in Newbury, Mass., November 29, 1695; lived in Conn., at Norwich Farms, now Franklin.
8. Mary, born October 15, 1709. Mary was living, unmarried, at the date of her father's will, 1750.
9. Benjamin, born February 2, 1713; married Mercy Taylor, daughter of Peter Taylor, November 27, 1734. Benjamin died March 16, 1788. Mercy, born February 24, 1717; died October 3, 1796.
10. Ichabod, born January 6, 1715; married Experience Pearce, August 31, 1731.
11. Peleg, born December 21, 1716; married Mary Brownell, December 19, 1739. She was born July 15, 1717.
12. Sarah, born August 26, 1718; died December 26, 1718.

10. *Isaac Simmons* (3–3) married *Martha Chandler*, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth, Duxbury.

Children, all born in Marshfield:

1. Deborah, born April 30, 1696.
2. Sarah, born November 15, 1699.
3. Isaac, born March 8, 1701; married Lydia Cushman, October 24, 1732, at Duxbury. He died August 30, 1767.
4. Priscilla, born September 10, 1709; died March 5, 1768, at Duxbury, unmarried.

11. *Benjamin Simmons* (3–5) married (1) *Lorah Sampson*, January 3, 1706. She died in 1715; married (2) Priscilla Delano, July 7, 1716. She died February 7, 1747. Benjamin died in 1748.

Children by *Lorah Sampson*, born in Duxbury:

1. Mercy, born November 14, 1706; died about February 26, 1751, unmarried.
2. Zachariah, born March 19, 1708; married Deborah Bishop of Pembroke, May 27, 1731, daughter of Ebenezer and Naomi Bishop, born August 6, 1712; died May 4, 1784. Zachariah died in 1760.
3. Benjamin, born March 13, 1710; married Fear Sampson, October 26, 1731; she was born in Duxbury, November 16, 1708; died April 13, 1772, a widow.
4. Abraham, born November 9, 1713; died in 1749.
5. Content, born December 16, 1715; died in 1784.

Children by *Priscilla Delano*, born in Duxbury:

6. Hannah, born June 16, 1718; married William Richards of Pembroke, September 7, 1738.
7. Betty, born February 25, 1720; married Abraham Walker of Marshfield, April 11, 1751.
8. Aaron, born March 25, 1724; married Sarah Holmes of Marshfield, January 14, 1749, daughter of John Holmes, she was born September 17, 1772.
9. Priscilla, born December 30, 1727; married Samuel Taylor, Jr., of Pembroke, November 1, 1750.
10. Abiah (daughter), born October 23, 1730.

12. *Moses Simmons* (3–6) married *Rachel Sampson*, daughter of Caleb and Mercy Standish Sampson. Rachel, baptized April 17, 1716, grand-daughter of Henry Sampson of the *Mayflower*.

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Mercy, born May 18, 1720; married Nathaniel Simmons (13–1), June 12, 1739, at Duxbury. Mercy died at Waldoboro, Me.
2. Ichabod, born October 18, 1722; married (1) Lydia Soule,* Dec. 8, 1743. She died March 3, 1779. Married (2) Mercy Chandler Sprague,† August, 1781, second wife, her third husband.

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* Lydia Soule was born in Duxbury, October 2, 1719; married Ichabod Simmons (12–2), December 8, 1743; died March 3, 1779.

† Mercy Chandler, daughter of Nathaniel Chandler of Duxbury, married (1) Peleg Sprague, February 18, 1745/6; married (2) Phineas Sprague; married (3) Ichabod Simmons (12–2), August, 1781.

Mercy died October 28, 1815, aged 89 years, in Duxbury.

3. Lydia, born April 19, 1724; married Judah Delano, October 13, 1743; died January 26, 1811. Judah died May, 1816, aged 92 years.
4. Noah, born August 18, 1728; died February 28, 1737.
5. Deborah, born January 12, 1732; married Jacob Weston, December 25, 1755. Jacob Weston died November 4, 1822, aged 92 years.
6. William, born August 18, 1736; married Hannah ——; died March 27, 1831.
7. Anna, born September 4, 1739; married Peleg Oldham, November 29, 1764.
8. Dorothy, born March 2, 1741.
9. Lemuel, born February 14, 1743.
10. Abigail, born May 10, 1745.

13. *Joseph Simmons* (3–7) married *Mary Weston.*

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Nathaniel, born March 24, 1710; married Mercy Simmons (12–1), in Duxbury, June 12, 1739. Nathaniel died January 4, 1789. Mercy died ——. Both died in Waldoboro, Maine.
2. Rebecca, born April 7, 1713; married Reuben Peterson, July 6, 1732, in Duxbury. Rebecca died January 25, 1764, in Duxbury. Reuben, born April 8, 1710, died November 1, 1795, in Duxbury.
3. Sarah, born March 26, 1718; died March, 1740.
4. Jedediah, born June 11, 1725; married Lydia Soule, August 23, 1750.

14. *Joshua Simmons* (3–9) and *Sarah Delano*, married April 4, 1728, in Duxbury. Joshua, born in 1688; died January 15, 1774. No record found of any children.

15. *Moses Simmons* (4–2) married *Rachel Cudworth* of Scituate.

Children baptized at First Church, Scituate:

1. Moses, born September 7, 1718; married Abigail Merritt, December 16, 1746.

2. Aaron, born October 2, 1720; married Elizabeth Hyland, February 7, 1748/9.
3. Rachel, born April 20, 1723; married James Cudworth, December 5, 1745.
4. Leah, born February 12, 1725; married John Mansel of Scituate, November 29, 1744.
5. Betty, baptized August 4, 1728.
6. Sarah, baptized October 5, 1735.

16. *Ebenezer Simmons* (4–5) married *Lydia Kent.*
Children baptized at First Church, Scituate:

1. Abigail, born February 8, 1715; married April 18, 1738. Samuel Gardner of Hingham.
2. Joshua, born October 25, 1717; married Elizabeth Dillingham, November 11, 1742. Elizabeth born 1720; died July 18, 1797, Joshua died March 4, 1807.
3. Lydia, born September 10, 1719; married William Barrel, Jr., Intentions, October 19, 1745.
4. Mary, baptized November 19, 1721; married Nehemiah Sprague of Hingham, August 10, 1745.
5. Ebenezer, baptized June 28, 1724; married Mrs. Leah Whiten of Hingham, at Scituate, June 22, 1765. Ebenezer died August 3, 1784.
6. Samuel, baptized July 18, 1725, at Scituate. Went to Connecticut.
7. Reuben, baptized August 28, 1726, at Scituate; married Sarah Lincoln, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah Lincoln, June 13, 1751. Sarah born in Hingham, October 9, 1733; died September 19, 1814, in Hingham. Reuben died May 22, 1798. Settled in Hingham.
8. Peleg, baptized September 1, 1728; married (1) Ruth Bowker, July 6, 1758; married (2) Sarah Clap, widow of Joseph Clap, May 22, 1785. Peleg died October 5, 1817.

17. *David Simmons* (6–1) of Scituate, married *Priscilla* ——.
Children, born in Middleboro, Mass.:

1. Moses, born Nov. 6, 1740.
2. Caleb, born July 26, 1742.

3. Desire, born June 29, 1744.
4. Deborah, born June 29, 1744.
5. George, born June 18, 1746; married Thankful Howland, December 1, 1768.
6. Sarah, born April 12, 1749.
7. Priscilla, born December 21, 1751.
8. Martha, born September 2, 1754.
9. Aaron, born February 6, 1757.
10. David, born February 4, 1761.

18. *John Simmons* (7–7) married *Hopestill Stutson* of Kingston.

Children:

1. Faith, born June 27, 1738.
2. Noah, born in 1740.
3. Eunice, born March 8, 1742.
4. John, born August 29, 1746.

19. *Job Simmons* (7–10) of Plympton and *Abigail Parris*, married in Pembroke, Mass.

Children born in Cornwall, Conn.

1. John, born January 17, 1761; married Rachael Bissell, February, 1786, Litchfield, Conn. She was born September 8, 1767; died February 5, 1850. John died March 5, 1849.
2. Silvie, born December 12, 1762.
3. Mary, born May 7, 1764.
4. Solomon, born August 24, 1766.
5. Rufus, born October 1, 1768.

20. *William Simmons* (9–2) married *Mary Pearce*, daughter of George and Alice (Hart) Pearce; she was born May 16, 1700; died January 31, 1755.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Alice, born March 13, 1723; married Isaac Sisson, November 3, 1751.
2. Isaac, born February 24, 1725; married Mary Church, March 25, 1748; born January 6, 1728. Isaac died September 4, 1758.
3. William, born March 23, 1727; died December 25, 1748.

4. Lydia, born November 5, 1729.
5. George, born October 7, 1731; married (1) Deborah Taylor, December 18, 1753; born September 22, 1729; married (2) Lucy Davis, 1766 (widow), born Lucy Little, 1734; died January 9, 1806; married (3) Sarah Wilbour, June 21, 1807 (widow) daughter of William Carr, born July 23, 1757; died March 29, 1825. George Simmons died March 26, 1809.
6. Adam, born October 11, 1733; married Deborah Church, November 27, 1755, daughter of Caleb and Margaret Church. Deborah, born August 10, 1736, died April 6, 1826. Adam died August 21, 1807.
7. Aaron, born March 24, 1736; married Abigail Church, November 30, 1757; born September 29, 1737; died January, 1802.
8. Mary, born September 13, 1738; married Nathaniel Deering, January 10, 1757. Mary died January, 1802. Nathaniel died in 1822, Newport, R.I.

21. *Joseph Simmons* (9–4) married *Rebecca Wood*, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Thurston) Wood.

Children born in Little Compton, R.I:

1. John, born January 29, 1727; married Lydia Grinnell, July 13, 1746, daughter of George and Mercy (Sanford) Grinnell. Lydia born December 7, 1726.
2. Abigail, born December 7, 1728; married Benjamin Pitman of Newport, August 7, 1752.
3. Edward, born March 16, 1730; married Mary Robinson, in Newport, 1753.
4. Betsy, born March 8, 1733; married Samuel Pearce, November 12, 1755.
5. Jonathan, born August 20, 1736; married Abigail Bailey, May 5, 1759, daughter of William and Comfort.
6. Ephraim, born June 29, 1739; married Mary Richmond, September 11, 1777.
7. Susannah, born July 8, 1742; married John Pratt of Hingham, January 11, 1774.
8. Rebecca, born February 7, 1746; married —— Miller.
9. Joseph, born in 1748; married Mary Simmons (38–4), October 20, 1774. Joseph died June 24, 1794.

22. *John Simmons* (9–5) married *Comfort Shaw*, daughter of Israel Shaw; born August 9, 1709; died May, 1785.

Children born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Phœbe, born December 28, 1728; died April 24, 1730.
2. Sarah, born January 26, 1730; married James Pearce, September 14, 1749.
3. Zarah, born October 13, 1731; married (1) Phœbe Brownell, November 1, 1770; born September 4, 1747; married (2) Susanna Stoddard, August 28, 1789; born June 17, 1750; died February 8, 1756.
4. Ichabod, born November 28, 1732.
5. Deborah, born October 13, 1736; married Thomas Davenport, December 31, 1761; died January 8, 1809.
6. Ezekial, born July 25, 1740; died November 23, 1827, in Duxbury, aged 88 years.
7. John, born August 26, 1741; married Hannah Brightman, January 22, 1767, Dartmouth.
8. Comfort, born October 18, 1743; married —— Slocum.
9. Elizabeth, born October 14, 1747; married Godfrey Manchester, November 23, 1769.
10. Rachel, born November 30, 1751; married —— Brownell.
11. Lydia, born March 1, 1753; married —— Little.

23. *Benjamin Simmons* (9–9) married *Mercy Taylor*, daughter of Pete and Hannah (Wood) Taylor; born February 24, 1717; died October 3, 1796.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Peter, born May 19, 1735; married Rebecca Rouse, October 6, 1760. She was born January 7, 1744.
2. Cornelius, born March 15, 1737; died December 28, 1775.
3. Benjamin, born December 2, 1739; married Mary —— (son "Loring" born 1764).
4. Samuel, born July 24, 1742; married (1) Phœbe Manchester, 1766; married (2) Sarah Coe, 1768; Samuel died February, 1821.
5. Hannah, born February 21, 1745; married Ichabod Burgess, November, 1766; died January 24, 1821.
6. Abigail, born October 25, 1748; married R—— Dennis.

7. Ivory, born October 17, 1750; married Sarah Borden.
8. Mercy, born July 31, 1753; married Caleb Simmons (38–3) April 20, 1777.
9. Ichabod, born July 10, 1756; married Ruth Simmons (41–2), April 7, 1782. (Ichabod was private in Colonel Church regiment at Bunker Hill.)

24. *Ichabod Simmons* (9–10) married *Experience Pearce*, Little Compton, R.I. Ichabod must have died before March 8, 1750, date of his father's will, William Simmons. These children of Ichabod are mentioned in the will of their grandfather William as not of age at that time, March 8, 1750.

Children:

1. Sarah, not of age March 8, 1750.
2. Simon, not of age March 8, 1750.
3. Baley, not of age March 8, 1750.
4. Abigail, not of age March 8, 1750.

25. *Peleg Simmons* (9–11) married *Mary Brownell*, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Crandall) Brownell.

Children, born in Little Compton and Tiverton:

1. Thomas, born September 9, 1740; married Bethia Sprague of Duxbury, February 8, 1769. She was born April 23, 1745; died January 14, 1829. Thomas died June 12, 1833, in Duxbury.
2. Moses, born January 16, 1743, in Little Compton.
3. Gideon, born December 14, 1744; married (1) Patience Ellis, June 27, 1771; married (2) Ruth Stoddard, of New York, April 9, 1797.
4. Mary, born January 13, 1747, in Tiverton.
5. Phœbe, born April 2, 1749, in Tiverton.
6. Rhoda, born March 2, 1751, in Tiverton.
7. Eunice, born March 24, 1753, in Tiverton.
8. Peleg, born May 7, 1755, in Tiverton.
9. Joseph, born November 7, 1757, in Tiverton.
10. Abigail, born October 31, 1760, in Tiverton.
11. Benjamin, born in Little Compton; married Susannah Briggs, daughter of Cornelius Briggs, May 1, 1783. Benjamin died January 4, 1829.

26. *Isaac Simmons* (10–3) married *Lydia Cushman.*

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Consider, born April 30, 1734; married Nepheta Soule, February 25, 1763, in Pembroke. Consider died February 23, 1826, in Pembroke.
2. Martha, born February 20, 1735/6.
3. Levi, born in 1742; married Lydia Lewis, October 10, 1765, in Marshfield. Levi died July 3, 1798, in Duxbury.
4. Martha, born March 13, 1746.
5. Susanna, born December 30, 1749; married John Pratt of Hingham, January 11, 1774.
6. Lydia, born March 22, 1752; married Nathaniel Ford of Marshfield, March 13, 1783.

27. *Zachariah Simmons* (11–2) married *Deborah Bishop* of Pembroke, born August 6, 1712, daughter of Ebenezer and Naomi Bishop.

Children:

1. Nathan, born April 3, 1732, in Duxbury; married Lydia Holmes, October 24, 1753. Lydia, born in 1735.
2. Lorah, baptized at Pembroke, January 2, 1737.
3. Zachariah, born May 4, 1741, in Duxbury; died in 1760.
4. Eleaser, born March 14, 1748–9, in Duxbury; died November 23, 1827, in Duxbury.

28. *Benjamin Simmons* (11–3) married *Fear Sampson*, daughter of Nathaniel, at Duxbury, October 26, 1731. Fear died a widow, April 13, 1772, aged 63 years, 5 months.

Children:

1. Perez, baptized October 19, 1740, at First Church, Duxbury.
2. Micah, baptized October 19, 1740, at First Church, Duxbury.
3. Elizabeth, baptized October 19, 1740, at First Church, Duxbury.
4. Keturah, baptized October 19, 1740, at First Church, Duxbury.
5. Lucy, baptized May 10, 1741, at First Church, Duxbury.

29. *Aaron Simmons* (11–8) married *Sarah Holmes* of Marshfield, January 14, 1749, daughter of John Holmes, born September 17, 1722.

Children:

1. Abraham.

2. Mary, born September 22, 1755; married, July 15, 1773, Ebenezer Sherman of Marshfield.
3. Jesse, born September 19, 1760; married Lucy Weston, of Marshfield, October 17, 1781.

30. *Ichabod Simmons* (12–2) married (1) *Lydia Soule*, December 8, 1743. Lydia, born October 2, 1719; died March 3, 1779; (2) Mercy Chandler Sprague (widow), August, 1781, her third husband.

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Consider, born September 27, 1744; died February 23, 1826, in Pembroke.
2. Noah, born September 2, 1745; married (1) Silvia Southworth, July 2, 1789, daughter of Benjamin Southworth; married (2) Diana Kein, September 19, 1771. Noah died June 26, 1832.
3. Lemuel, born February 22, 1749; married Abigail Peirce, March 15, 1770. Abigail, born 1751; died October 2, 1817. Lemuel died December 11, 1833.
4. Abigail, born May 24, 1753.
5. Nathaniel, born April 3, 1757; married Lydia Sprague, December 7, 1780. Lydia, born March 21, 1761.
6. Ichabod, born May 25, 1761; married Urania Holmes, January 16, 1783, Duxbury.

31. *Nathaniel Simmons* (13–1) married *Mercy Simmons* (12–1) June 12, 1739.

Children, born in Duxbury, Mass.:

1. Mary, born June 19, 1742; married John Hunt, April 24, 1764.
2. Joseph, born September 19, 1744; married Elizabeth Chamberlain, December 4, 1770, at Bridgewater, Mass. Elizabeth, born September 13, 1751. Joseph died in Nobleboro, Maine, May 24, 1816.
3. Zebediah, baptized August 10, 1746; married Mary Waterman; died in Waldoboro, Maine.
4. Stephen, born in 1748; married Betsey Gorton; died in 1795.
5. Sarah, baptized August 26, 1750.
6. Dorothy, born in 1752; married John Winslow of Scituate. John, born January 23, 1743.

7. Rachel, baptized November 6, 1763; died December 4, 1788, at Waldoboro, Maine.

32. *Moses Simmons* (15–1) married *Abigail Merritt.*

Children, baptized, First Church, Scituate, by the Reverend Mr. Pitcher:

1. Sarah, baptized June 5, 1748.
2. Samuel, baptized April 22, 1750; married (1) Sarah Morton, March 2, 1780; married (2) Mrs. Thankful Curtis, November 28, 1786.
3. Lettice, baptized July 1, 1753.
4. Barnabas, baptized June 20, 1756; married Lydia Wade, March 24, 1778.

33. *Aaron Simmons* (15–2) married *Elizabeth Hyland.*

Children, baptized, First Church, Scituate, by the Reverend Mr. Pitcher:

1. Aaron, baptized October 28, 1750; married Mrs. Martha Vinal, December 19, 1776. Revolution soldier.
2. Elizabeth, baptized July 1, 1753.
3. Mary, baptized October 17, 1756; married Daniel Merrett, March 23, 1786.
4. Lydia, baptized September 23, 1759; married Nathaniel Ford of Marshfield, March 13, 1783. Lydia died November 28, 1829.
5. Rhoda, baptized September 23, 1759; married John Barrows. Went to Camden, Maine.
6. Rachel, baptized June 30, 1765.

34. *Joshua Simmons* (16–2) married *Elizabeth Dillingham*; born 1720; died July 18, 1797.

Children, born in Hanover, Mass.:

1. Joshua, born March 5, 1743; died March 6, 1819.
2. Elizabeth, born April 14, 1746; died September 11, 1824.
3. Lydia, born August 23, 1749. (She must have died before 1763 when the other Lydia was born.)
4. Ebenezer, born Dec. 27, 1751; died June 11, 1754.
5. Ebenezer, born April 11, 1754; died October 7, 1754, 6 months old.

6. Mary, born September 26, 1755; died April 28, 1814; married John H. Thacher of Barnstable, September 29, 1795.
7. Samuel, born November 1, 1757; died September 17, 1762, 5 years old.
8. Elisha, born June 16, 1759; married Martha Hersey of Hingham, 1781. Elisha died March 14, 1825.
9. Lydia, born July 14, 1763; married Benjamin Bailey of Greenland, June 13, 1793; died January 16, 1805.
10. William, born February 25, 1766; died May 4, 1766, 3 months old.

35. *Ebenezer Simmons* (16–5) married *Mrs. Leah Whitten*, of Hingham, in Scituate.

Child:

1. Sarah, born October 14, 1766, in Scituate.

36. *Reuben Simmons* (16–7) married *Sarah Lincoln*, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah, born October 9, 1733; died September 19, 1814.

Children, all born in Hingham:

1. Sarah, born January 8, 1752; married Daniel Woodward, June 11, 1780.
2. Winifred, born May 14, 1754; married Matthew Hunt, April 27, 1778.
3. Allen, born January 11, 1757; married Silence ——; died July 24, 1809.
4. Kent, born October 14, 1759.
5. David, born January 4, 1763; married Mary Stimpson, went to Roxbury; died October 1, 1845.
6. Thomas, baptized June 30, 1765.
7. Christiana, born September 20, 1767; married James Jones of Weymouth, October 13, 1791; died a widow at Weymouth, March 22, 1849.
8. Reuben, baptized May 6, 1770.
9. Otis, baptized October 24, 1773.

37. *Peleg Simmons* (16–8) married (1) *Ruth Bowker*, July 6, 1758; married (2) Sarah Perkins Clap, May 22, 1785, widow of Joseph Clap.

Children, born in Scituate:

1. Ruth, born February 8, 1760, at Scituate.
2. Samuel, married Thankful Curtis, November 28, 1786.

38. *Isaac Simmons* (20–2) married *Mary Church*, born January 6, 1728.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. William, born February 24, 1749; married Anna Richmond, July 1, 1770, born in 1749.
2. Nathaniel, born June 10, 1751; married Mary Wood, December 21, 1777.
3. Caleb, born January 23, 1754; married Mercy Simmons (23–8), April 20, 1777.
4. Mary, born December 1, 1755; married Joseph Simmons (21–9), October 2, 1774.
5. Priscilla, born April 24, 1758.

39. *George Simmons* (20–5) married (1) *Deborah Taylor*, December 18, 1753; born September 22, 1729; married (2) Lucy (Little) Davis, 1766; born in 1735; died January 9, 1806; married (3) Sarah (Carr) Wilbour, June 21, 1807; born July 23, 1757; died March 29, 1825.

Children by *Lucy Davis*, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Deborah, born November 19, 1767; married Ben Tomkins.
2. Davis, born October 20, 1769; married (1) Elizabeth Cook, November 28, 1792, daughter of Walter; married (2) Mary Cook, August 26, 1802.
3. Mary, born December 15, 1772.
4. Sarah, born December 21, 1775; married Godfrey Pearce, September 1, 1799.

40. *Adam Simmons* (20–6) married *Deborah Church*, daughter of Caleb and Margaret Church, of Little Compton.

Children born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Elizabeth, born June 9, 1758; married Philip Taylor, January 22, 1789; died November 1821.
2. Sarah, born September 23, 1759; married Benjamin Coe of Little

Compton, January 13, 1780. Sarah died in 1834. Benjamin, born in 1753, died in 1818.

3. Lucy, born April 16, 1761; married Thomas Richmond.
4. Isaac, born August 28, 1764; married Abishag Briggs, May 25, 1788. Isaac died March 25, 1848.

41. *Aaron Simmons* (20–7) married *Abigail Church.*

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Margaret, born February 2, 1759.
2. Ruth, born March 3, 1761; married Ichabod Simmons (23–9), April 7, 1782.
3. Abigail, born August 23, 1762.
4. Abel, born Nov. 3, 1765; married Ruth Wood, August 29, 1791.
5. Aaron, born April 18, 1768.
6. Adam, born July 12, 1770; married —— Wilbour.
7. Lydia, born Sept. 3, 1774; married William Barstow, Dec. 8, 1791.
8. Gamaliel, born March 18, 1779.
9. Mehetable, born July 18, 1781.

42. *John Simmons* (21–1) married *Lydia Grinnell,** July 13, 1746, daughter of George and Mercy (Sanford) Grinnell of Little Compton. Lydia, born December 7, 1726. Went from Little Compton to Easton, Mass.

Children:

1. Jeremiah, born April 8, 1747. (Had daughter, Julia Ann, in Philadelphia.) Jeremiah died in Easton.
2. Joseph, born January 23, 1749.
3. Bennoni, born August 4, 1755, in Portsmouth, R.I.; married Nancy Bailey, December 19, 1784. Nancy, born in 1767; died October 21, 1855, in Little Compton, R.I. Bennoni died June 15, 1835, in Little Compton. He served in the Revolutionary War.

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* Ezech Carr, of Little Compton, son of Robert and Elizabeth Carr, came to Easton in 1766 and married Mrs. Lydia (Grinnell) Simmons, a widow with five children. Ezech Carr died February, 1794.

Ezech and Lydia (Simmons) Carr had children:

1. Caleb, born March 14, 1767.
2. Ellaphelda, born March 19, 1770; died in Easton, April 10, 1794.
3. Ezech.

4. Isaiah, born ——
5. John, born ——; married Ruth Mitchell, February 1, 1786; died in Easton. John served in the Revolutionary War. Ruth, born in 1762; died August 8, 1843, in Easton.
6. Ruth, married Benjamin Clapp. (No living children.)
7. Elizabeth (unmarried), died in Easton.

43. *Edward Simmons* (21–3) married *Mary Robinson.*
Children, born in Newport, R.I.:
1. Martha, born April 1, 1754.
2. Jonathan, born July, 1755; married Elizabeth ——. She died a widow, December 4, 1819, in Bristol, R.I. Jonathan was a Revolutionary soldier.

44. *Jonathan Simmons* (21–5) married *Abigail Bailey*, daughter of William and Comfort (Billings) Bailey.
Children:
1. Sarah, born May 18, 1761.
2. Rebecca, born April 6, 1763.
3. Edward, born July 26, 1766.
4. Ephraim, born January 18, 1769.
5. Betsy, born May 23, 1772.
6. William, born January 22, 1775.
7. Joseph, born March 4, 1779; married Comfort Grinnell.

45. *Ephraim Simmons* (21–6) married *Mary Richmond.*
Children:
1. Hannah, born in 1780.
2. Amy, born May 19, 1782; married —— Tripp.

46. *Joseph Simmons* (21–9) married *Mary Simmons* (38–4).
Children:
1. Elizabeth, born January 9, 1775.
2. Deborah, born October 9, 1776.
3. Susannah, born May 20, 1778.
4. Ezra, born February 22, 1780.
5. Abigail, born January 11, 1782.
6. Andrew, born March 10, 1784.

47. *Zarah Simmons* (22–3) married (1) Phœbe Brownell, November 1, 1770; born September 4, 1747; married (2) Susannah Stoddard, August 28, 1789; born June 17, 1750.

Children:

1. George, born October 27, 1771; married Ruth Head, March 23, 1794, daughter of Jonathan Head of Westport.
2. Elizabeth, born April 22, 1774.
3. Abigail (1), born February 18, 1776.
4. Abigail (2), born January 13, 1778.
5. Edith, born October 11, 1782.
6. Ezekiel, born November 18, 1783.
7. Stephen, born November 25, 1785.
8. Edith 2nd, born August 11, 1788.
9. Thomas, born Januay 21, 1791.

48. *John Simmons* (22–7) married *Hannah Brightman* of Dartmouth.

Children:

1. Rhoda, born August 16, 1767.
2. Pardon, born September 24, 1768; married Betsy Church, daughter of Constant of Westport, on February 4, 1814. Betsy was born September 28, 1794, and died March 11, 1841.
3. Susannah, born March 30, 1771; died November 2, 1859.
4. Stephen, born March 25, 1773; married Priscilla Head, November 11, 1798, daughter of John. Stephen died July 7, 1861.
5. John, born February 9, 1777; married —— Negus; died June 28, 1851.
6. Phœbe, born May 10, 1785.

49. *Peter Simmons* (23–1) married *Rebecca Rouse*; born January 17, 1744.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Hannah, born September 12, 1761.
2. Eliphalet, born April 26, 1763.
3. Deborah, born October 5, 1765.
4. George, born December 13, 1766.
5. Mary, born March 16, 1769.
6. Benjamin, born January 23, 1771.

7. Lemuel, born September 22, 1773.
8. Rouse, born August 11, 1775; married Eleanor ——; went to Galway, N.Y.
9. Isaac, born March 15, 1778.
10. Deborah, born May 8, 1781.
11. Peter Taylor, born October 16, 1783.

50. *Benjamin Simmons* (23–3) married *Mary* ——.
Children:
1. Loring, born January 27, 1765.

51. *Samuel Simmons* (23–4) married (1) *Phœbe Manchester*, 1766; married (2) *Sarah Coe*, 1768. Samuel died February, 1821.
Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:
1. William, born December 27, 1767; married Rebecca Soule; born November 18, 1771.
No children by *Sarah Coe.*

52. *Ivory Simmons* (23–7) married *Sarah Borden.*
Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:
1. Cornelius, born October 2, 1781.
2. Borden, born December 14, 1782.
3. Sophronia, born February 27, 1785.
4. Samuel, born September 27, 1786; married (1) Amy Beal, January 26, 1809, daughter of Joseph Beal; married (2) Hannah Wilbour, October 17, 1813.
5. Amziah, born April 11, 1788.
6. Millender, born April 3, 1790.
7. Benjamin, born May 28, 1792.
8. Layton, born July 3, 1794.
9. Ruth, born July 10, 1796.
10. Thurston, born April 12, 1799.
11. Tillinghast, born October 6, 1801.
12. Sarah, born November 5, 1803.
13. Almira, born October 22, 1806.

53. *Ichabod Simmons* (23–9) married *Ruth Simmons* (41–2), daughter of Aaron and Abigail Simmons.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Diana, born October 28, 1782.
2. George, born January 2, 1785.
3. Caleb, born April 3, 1787.

54. *Thomas Simmons* (25–1) married *Bethia Sprague* of Duxbury; born April 23, 1745; died January 14, 1829.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Joshua, born August 6, 1776; died August 28, 1778.
2. Bethiah, born August, 1780; died December 10, 1781.

55. *Gideon Simmons* (25–3) married (1) *Patience Ellis*, June 27, 1771; born in 1747; died October 13, 1792; married (2) Ruth Stoddard of New York, April 9, 1797.

Children of *Patience Ellis*, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Thomas B., born August 16, 1772; married Susanna Brown, September 6, 1797, daughter of Thomas Brown.
2. Jonathan Ellis, born March 1, 1775.
3. Charles Lee, born June 2, 1777.
4. William, born September 27, 1780; married Susannah Durfee; died, 1853.
5. Eunice, born November 10, 1782.
6. Mary, born October 7, 1784.
7. Benjamin Clapp, born October 11, 1786.

56. *Benjamin Simmons* (25–11) married *Susannah Briggs*.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Cornelius, born October 5, 1783.
2. Mary, born November 9, 1785.
3. Lucy, born December 6, 1787.
4. Joseph, born April 24, 1790.
5. Judith, born April 1, 1792.

57. *Consider Simmons* (26–1) married *Nepheta Soule*, February 25, 1763, Duxbury, Mass.

Children, born in Duxbury, Mass.:

1. Lydia, baptized June 28, 1766; died July 1, 1766, aged 2 years, 10 months.

2. Lucy, baptized July 26, 1767; died August 28, 1834, aged 67 years.
3. Lydia Soule, baptized July 24, 1768.
4. Jonathan, baptized June 6, 1773.

58. *Nathan Simmons* (27–1) married *Lydia Holmes*, October 24, 1753, Plymouth, Mass., born in 1735, daughter of Cornelius.

Children, born in Plymouth, Mass.:

1. Nathan, born 1755, married Nancy Simmons, 1809.
2. Barnett.

59. *Jesse Simmons* (29–3) married *Lucy Weston*, of Marshfield, Mass.

Children, born in Duxbury, Mass.:

1. Weston, born May 13, 1783; married Lucy Tolman, June 5, 1806, at Pembroke.
2. Ruby, born May 28, 1786.
3. Martin, born January 29, 1788; married Abigail (Nabby) Magoun, December 14, 1815.
4. Sally, born April 8, 1791.
5. Aaron, born June 29, 1797; married (1) Lucy Magoun, April 21, 1826; married (2) Sarah Chandler, May 13, 1841.
6. Lyman, born October 8, 1807; married Mary Loudon, March 26, 1837.

60. *Noah Simmons* (30–2) married (1) *Sylvia Southworth*, July 2, 1769; married (2) Diana Keen, September 19, 1771.

Children, baptized, First Church Record, Duxbury, Mass.:

1. Wealthea, born March 1770; baptized April 28, 1771; died May 3, 1771, aged 1 year, 2 months.
2. Peleg Southworth, born in 1772; baptized March 1, 1772.
3. Charles, born in 1776; baptized January 27, 1777; married Lydia Weston, January, 1798. Lydia died March 8, 1829, aged 56.
4. Wealthea, born in 1778; baptized May 3, 1783.
5. Daniel, baptized September 16, 1778; died September 23, 1778.
6. Nathan, baptized April 25, 1779; died October 26, 1779, aged 6 months.
7. Daniel, baptized August, 1781.
8. Sylvia, baptized September 29, 1785; died March 4, 1796.

9. Noah, married Abigail Sampson, November 24, 1804; born September 24, 1787. Noah died August, 1821.

61. *Lemuel Simmons* (30–3) married *Abigail Peirce*; born in 1751, died in 1817, Plymouth, Mass.
Children, born in Duxbury and Plymouth, Mass.:

1. Polly, married Robert Straffin.
2. Moses, born in 1772; died October 30, 1777, in Duxbury.
3. Beulah, born in 1775; baptized March 28, 1779; married Daniel Goddard, of Plymouth, April 3, 1794. Daniel Goddard died October 30, 1844, aged 73.
4. Anderson, born in 1776; died November 7, 1779.
5. Mary, baptized March 28, 1779.
6. Lydia Anderson, baptized March 26, 1780; married Simon Richmond, January 15, 1800; he died, 1809. Lydia Anderson Richmond married Avery Dean, of Plimpton, May 30, 1817.
7. George, born June 9, 1782; married Mercy Bates, April 12, 1804; born in 1783; died November 29, 1858.
8. Abigail,* born in 1784; married Alpheus Richmond, of Plymouth, December 30, 1805. Abigail died November 3, 1857, in Plymouth.
9. Eunice,* born in 1787; married —— Churchill.
10. Lemuel,* born in August, 1790; married Priscilla Sherman of Plymouth, May 17, 1818. Priscilla was born in 1793; died March 1, 1835. Lemuel died December 6, 1863.
11. Cynthia * Davis, baptized July 13, 1794; married Elkanah Barnes of Plymouth, September 18, 1813.

62. *Nathaniel Simmons* (30–5) married *Lydia Sprague* of Duxbury, Mass.
Children, born in Duxbury, Mass.:

1. Barthena, born August 5, 1781.
2. Sarah, born March 9, 1784.
3. Anna, born March 27, 1786.
4. Nathaniel, born June 24, 1788; married Nancy ——, 1809.
5. Rebecca, born October 4, 1791; married John Sprague, October 4, 1815.

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* Abigail, Eunice, Lemuel, and Cynthia were all baptized July 13, 1794, in Plymouth, Mass.

6. Alathea, born September 24, 1793.
7. Lydia, born May 1, 1795.
8. Lucy, born December 18, 1798; died 1801.
9. Nancy, born December 18, 1798; died 1801.
10. Ichabod, born February 17, 1801; married December 25, 1828, Marcia B. Simmons (86–1) of Plymouth, Mass., daughter of George Simmons (61–7).
11. Mary, born in 1804.
12. Joshua, born April 28, 1807; married Jane W. (?)

63. *Joseph Simmons* (31–2) married *Elizabeth Chamberlain* at Bridgewater, Mass., December 4, 1770.

Child, born in Waldoboro, Me.:

1. James, born January 10, 1781; married Christiana Keen. He died October 2, 1872, at Nobleboro, Me.

64. *Samuel Simmons* (32–2) married (1) *Sarah Morton*, March 2, 1780; married (2) *Thankful Curtis*, November 28, 1786.

Children, born in Scituate, Mass.:

1. Peleg, born April 17, 1788.
2. Samuel, born April 26, 1790.
3. Joseph, born August 8, 1792.
4. Thomas, born August 18, 1794; married Bethia Gray of Hanover, December 1, 1816. Thomas died May 3, 1853. Bethia Gray died in 1840.
5. Lydia, born September 13, 1796.
6. Warren, born January 23, 1799.

65. *Barnabas Simmons* (32–4) married *Lydia Wade*, March 24, 1778.

Child:

1. Abigail (Nabbe), baptized June 6, 1779, at Scituate.

66. *Aaron Simmons* (33–1) married *Mrs. Martha Vinal*, December 19, 1776, at Scituate.

Children:

1. Joseph, baptized September 21, 1777; married Asenith Freeman, November 22, 1808, of Duxbury.
2. Deborah, baptized June 6, 1779.

67. *Elisha Simmons* (34–8), of Hanover, married *Martha Hersey*, of Hingham.

Children, born in Hanover:

1. William, born July 9, 1782; married Lucia Hammett, of Plymouth, September 11, 1810; lived in Boston. William, graduate of Harvard College, 1804.
2. Ebenezer, born October 18, 1785; married (1) Sophia Richmond of Little Compton, R.I., October 7, 1809; married (2) Mrs. Mary S. Curtis, of Scituate, widow of Stephen Curtis, August 23, 1835. They lived in Hanover. Mary died April 30, 1837. Ebenezer died November 15, 1840.
3. Martha, born March 19, 1789, died February, 1833.
4. Elisha, born December 1, 1790; died November 26, 1792.
5. Elisha, born November 19, 1793. Died unmarried, in Boston.
6. Benjamin, born December 20, 1796. Had two sons; died in New Orleans.
7. George W., born February 20, 1800. Merchant in New York; unmarried.
8. Elizabeth, born October 5, 1802. Lived in Boston.
9. Joanna, born October 5, 1802; married Thomas Stephenson, Boston, June 22, 1824.
10. Franklin. Lived in Boston; unmarried.

68. *Allen Simmons* (36–3) married *Silence* —— of Hingham.

Child, born in Hingham:

1. Sally, born December 12, 1794; married David Blanchard, November 20, 1814.

69. *David Simmons* (36–5) married *Mary Stimpson* of Roxbury. Went to Roxbury, lived there.

Children:

1. David A.
2. Thomas.
3. George A.
4. Lydia F., married —— Barker.
5. Eliza D., married James M. Sumner.

70. *William Simmons* (38–1) married *Anna Richmond.*
Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:
1. William, born January 21, 1771.
2. Isaac, born October 22, 1772.
3. Richmond, born October 2, 1774.
4. Hannah Gray, born November 21, 1776.
5. Anna, born October 15, 1778.
6. Mary Pope, born September 18, 1780.

71. *Nathaniel Simmons* (38–2) married *Mary Wood.*
Children:
1. Sarah.
2. Priscilla, born March 6, 1781.
3. Lindall, born October 26, 1783; married Mary Taylor, January 23, 1806.
4. Ruth, born August 18, 1789.

72. *Caleb Simmons* (38–3) married *Mercy Simmons* (23–8).
Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:
1. Nancy, born July 30, 1777.
2. Mary, born March 10, 1779.
3. Mercy Taylor, born July 17, 1784.
4. Margaret, born March 17, 1787.
5. Elizabeth, born April 24, 1791; married William W. Winsor, November 29, 1811.
6. Isaac, born March 21, 1793.

73. *Davis Simmons* (39–2) married (1) *Elizabeth Cook*, November 28, 1792; married (2) *Mary Cook*, August 26, 1802.
Children:
1. Walter, born January 11, 1794.
2. James, born September 10, 1795.
3. Elizabeth, born September 21, 1796.

74. *Isaac Simmons* (40–4) married *Abishag Briggs.*
Children:
1. Betsy, born April 14, 1789; married Charles Wood.
2. Suvarrey, born August 13, 1791; married Brownell Taylor.

3. Deborah, born August 14, 1793; died October 26, 1819.
4. Mary, born August 3, 1800; married Osborne Brownell.
5. Liddy, married —— Tenney.
6. Henrietta, born in 1806; died October 27, 1819.

75. *Bennoni* Simmons* (42–3) married *Nancy Bailey*, daughter of Cornelius Bailey (born in 1740; died in 1772) and Mary White (born in 1744; died in 1829). Nancy was born February 14, 1767; died October 20, 1855, in Little Compton. Bennoni served in the Revolutionary War, Navy.

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Cornelius, born September 19, 1785; married (1) Margaret Lord; married (2) Eliza Bradford. Cornelius died October 5, 1822.
2. Lydia, born August 19, 1787; married Joseph Austin; died January 24, 1863.
3. Jeremiah, born November 30, 1789; died March 12, 1790.

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* In a hand-written family record of the family and descendants of William Simmons, 1672–1765, and his wife, Abigail Church, 1680–1720, the name of their grandson, the son of John Simmons and Lydia Grinnell, is spelled 'Bennoni.' This record, written more than one hundred years ago, was given me fifty years ago, by a descendant of William Simmons. In this genealogical record, I have used the above family spelling of 'Bennoni,' although on the Pension Roll in the Department of the Interior at Washington the name is spelled 'Benoni.'

(From Report of the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, Washington.)

Benoni Simmons, a soldier of the Revolution, enlisted April, 1775. Nine months service as private, under Captain Wyllis.

January, 1776, twelve months' service as Sergeant under Captain Ebenezer Stearns. During this term, in the fall of 1776, he entered on board the galley *Trumbull*, under Captain Seth Warren, as Master Gunner, and in an engagement October 11, 1776, on Lake Champlain, he lost an arm.

It is stated that he also served on the ship *Alliance* under Captain Barry: time of enlistment and length of service is not stated.

March, 1779, twelve months' service under Captain Howe.

Remarks: The soldier was born August 4, 1755, at Portsmouth, R.I. He married Nancy Bailey, December 19, 1784, and died June 15, 1835.

Bennoni Simmons died in Little Compton and was buried there. The *Alliance* was the war vessel which took Lafayette to France in 1781, sailing from Boston, December 23, 1781.

4. Mary, born February 1, 1791; married Frederick Almy, December 20, 1814; died May 12, 1875.
5. George, born September 9, 1793. Lost at sea, September 9, 1814.
6. John, born October 30, 1796; married Ann Small, of Provincetown, October 29, 1818, in Boston. Ann was born September 1, 1797; died May 30, 1861, in Boston. John died August 29, 1870, in Boston.
7. Valentine, born April 19, 1802; married (1) Mary A. Lombard, August 20, 1826; married (2) Lydia Bailey, August 29, 1844. Valentine died September 22, 1885, in Little Compton.
8. Comfort, born July 7, 1803; married Lemuel Sisson, November 16, 1826; died April 14, 1878.

76. *John Simmons* (42–5) married *Ruth Mitchell*, of Easton, Mass.; born in 1762; died August 8, 1843. They lived in Easton.

Children:

1. Almena,* born in 1791; married Jonathan Tilson.
2. Betsey,* married Daniel Keith, of Pittsford, Vt., July 24, 1806, in Easton, Mass. Daniel Keith married (2) Rhoda Clarke, January 13, 1813.
3. Susan * Mitchell, born June 6, 1797; married Scotland Keith, January 30, 1816. He was brother of Daniel Keith, born February 4, 1795, and died June 17, 1878. Susan died January 1873.
4. John, died at age of eighteen, his father deceased at that time.

77. *Pardon Simmons* (48–2) married *Betsy Church*, of Westport, born September 28, 1794; died March 11, 1841.

Children:

1. Hannah, born December 21, 1818.
2. Eliza, born January 23, 1821 (Betsey); married William W. Winsor, January 17, 1841. William, born November 29, 1811.

78. *Stephen Simmons* (48–4) married *Priscilla Head.*

Children:

1. Lydia.
2. Brightman, married Sarah Zelra.

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* Almena, Betsey, and Susan, with their families, went to Pittsford, Vermont.

79. *William Simmons* (51–1) married *Rebecca* ——.
Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Samuel, born August 5, 1793.
2. Benjamin, born February 29, 1796.
3. Phoebe, born March 22, 1798.
4. Abraham, born October 23, 1800.
5. Lewis, born May 5, 1804, married Nancy Davis of Westport, February 26, 1823.
6. Abigail, born September 14, 1807.
7. Elisha, born May 2, 1810; married Mercy ——, December 1, 1834, born, Fair Haven, July 15, 1810.

80. *Weston Simmons* (59–1) married *Lucy Tolman.*
Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Mary, born December 25, 1807; married Peleg Simmons (84–4), December 23, 1832.
2. William Weston, born December 29, 1809; married Ruth Sturtevant of Pembroke, November 1, 1829. William died October 22, 1842.
3. Rebecca, born October 6, 1811; married Christopher P. Drew, of Kingston, June 6, 1841.
4. Lucinda, born October 13, 1813; married Judah Chandler, December 21, 1834.
5. Jane, born August 2, 1815; died December 8, 1838.
6. Jesse, born April 26, 1817, died April 10, 1835.
7. Harriet, born March 18, 1819, married Sylvanus Prior, January 2, 1842.
8. Alfred, born August 13, 1823.
9. Ruby, born May 28, 1826; married Martin S. Witherell, of Pembroke, December 5, 1847.
10. Augusta, born October 25, 1830; died October 6, 1848.

81. *Martin Simmons* (59–3) married *Abigail (Nabby) Magoun.*
Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Cordelia, born July 16, 1816; married Hiram Randall, November 25, 1838.
2. Martin, born August 19, 1823; married Hannah McFarlin, of Pembroke, January 3, 1847.

3. Caroline, born October 7, 1827; married Daniel Wright, of Marshfield, November 29, 1849.
4. George, born September 9, 1830.
5. Mary S., born February 10, 1833.
6. Frances, born April 7, 1835; died June 27, 1838.

82. *Aaron Simmons* (59–5) married (1) *Lucy Magoun*, April 21, 1826; married (2) Sarah Chandler, May 13, 1841.

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Lucy A., born July 26, 1826, daughter of Lucy.
2. Judith T., born September 6, 1842, daughter of Sarah.

83. *Lyman Simmons* (59–6) married *Mary Loudon.*

Child, born in Duxbury:

1. Francis W., born September 12, 1837.

84. *Charles Simmons* (60–3) married *Lydia Weston.* Lydia died March 8, 1829, aged 56 years.

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Joshua W., born September 14, 1798; married Lucy Arnold.
2. Alden, born May 4, 1801; married Abigail Delano, September 29, 1839, born August 10, 1823, daughter of William and Fanny Delano.
3. James, born August 4, 1803.
4. Peleg, born August 21, 1806; married Mary Simmons (80–1), December 23, 1832.
5. Caroline, born March 10, 1809; married William Baker, of Marshfield, February 10, 1833.
6. Henry, born August 13, 1811; married Mrs. Fanny G. Delano, daughter of William Delano, July 3, 1836.
7. Sylvia Southworth, born July 19, 1814; married Horace Taylor, of Marshfield.

85. *Noah Simmons* (60–9) married *Abigail Sampson.*

Children, born in Duxbury:

1. Abigail, born August 21, 1806; married Alcanah Weston, September 20, 1829.

2. Elvira, born September 13, 1808; married Daniel Titus of Vermont, December 24, 1829.
3. Deborah, born December 8, 1810.
4. Gershom, born March 21,1813.
5. Edwin, born November 27, 1815; died young.
6. Augusta, born September 18, 1817.
7. Sarah, born December 6, 1819.

86. *George Simmons* (61–7) married *Mercy Bates.*
Children:
1. Marcia B., born in 1804, married Ichabod Simmons (62–10), December 25, 1828.
2. George, born in 1805.
3. Moses, born in 1808.
4. William Davis, born in 1811; married Harriet Holmes, daughter of Samuel D.
5. Augustus F., born in 1813.
6. Lorenzo, born in 1815; died September 26, 1817.
7. Isabella, born in 1817.
8. Victorine A.
9. John Brooks.
10. Joanna White.

87. *Ichabod Simmons* (62–10) married *Marcia B. Simmons* (86–1).
Children, born in Duxbury:
1. Marcia A. B., born April 11, 1830.
2. Ichabod, born December 24, 1831.

88. *Joshua Simmons* (62–12) married *Jane W.*
Child, born in Duxbury:
1. Oscar, born February 20, 1837; died July 16, 1837.

89. *James Simmons* (63–1) married *Christiana Keen*, Waldoboro, Maine. Lived in Waldoboro.
Child, born in Waldoboro:
1. Nathaniel, born October 14, 1802; married Rosanna Moody, November 28, 1830, born in 1807. Nathaniel died April 26, 1889. Rosanna died January 16, 1875.

90. *Thomas Simmons* (64–4) married *Bethia Gray*, of Hanover.
Children, born in Hanover:
1. Bethia, born November 14, 1817 (not married); died May 29, 1854.
2. Thomas, born July 16, 1819; died November 21, 1819.
3. Warren, born July 13, 1821 (not married); died February 26, 1895.
4. Rebecca, born January 9, 1824 (not married); died January 19, 1883.

91. *Joseph Simmons* (66–1) married *Asenith Freeman.*
Children, born in Duxbury:
1. Gamaliel, born September 21, 1811; died November 7, 1811.
2. Edmond F., born December 17, 1812; married Harriet F. Dause, July 12, 1835.
3. Joseph, born October 21, 1816; died December 1, 1816.
4. Asenith F., born April 22, 1818; married Murlin T. Gardner, Jr., January 10, 1845.
5. Rebecca, born March 14, 1822; died October 7, 1844.

92. *William Simmons* (67–1) married *Lucia Hammett*, of Plymouth. They lived in Boston.
Children:
1. William Hammett, born May 15, 1812; died August 10, 1841.
2. George Frederick, born March 24, 1814; died September 5, 1855.
3. Henry Rowland, born May 29, 1818; died December 13, 1849.
4. Charles Francis, born January 27, 1829; died March, 1862.

93. *Ebenezer Simmons* (67–2) married (1) *Sophia Richmond*, of Little Compton, October 7, 1809; lived in Hanover. Sophia died October, 1834; married (2) *Mary H. Curtis*, of Scituate, widow of Stephen Curtis, August 23, 1835. Mary died April 30, 1837. Ebenezer died November 15, 1840.
Child, by *Sophia*:
1. Perez, born January 2, 1811; married Adaline Jones, of South Scituate. Perez died May 14, 1885.
Child, by *Mary*:
2. Ebenezer, born February 12, 1837.

94. *Benjamin Simmons* (67–6) married ——. Had two sons. Benjamin died in New Orleans.

95. *Lindall Simmons* (71–3) married *Mary Taylor.*
Children, born in Little Compton:
1. Alden, born December 20, 1809, in Duxbury.
2. Mary, born November 21, 1811; married Thomas K. Weston, December 5, 1827, born February 20, 1795.
3. Philip, born January 3, 1814.
4. Nathaniel, born January 1, 1816; married Mary Wood.
5. Eliza, born January 23, 1818.

96. *Cornelius Simmons* (75–1) married (1) *Margaret Lord*, in Little Compton; married (2) *Eliza Bradford*, in Boston.
Children, by *Margaret*, born in Little Compton, R.I.:
1. Warren, born October 12, 1812; married Catherine Furbush.
2. George W., born in 1810; married Frances A. Gay; died December 14, 1882, in Boston.
Children, by *Eliza*, born in Boston:
3. Elizabeth.
4. Elizabeth.
5. Cornelius.

97. *John Simmons* (75–6), *Founder of Simmons College, Boston*, married *Ann Small*, of Provincetown, October 29, 1818. Ann was born September 1, 1797; died May 30, 1861, in Boston.
Children, born in Boston:
1. Mary Ann, born October 4, 1819; died April 17, 1887, in Wiesbaden, Germany; married (1) George L. Ditson (no children); married (2) William Arnold Buffum,* June 28, 1871, in Boston (no children). William was born August 21, 1821; died January 26, 1901.
2. John, born November 14, 1820; died April 4, 1846; married Martha Vinton, May 22, 1843.

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* Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold Buffum (Mary Ann Simmons, 97–1), after their marriage, June 28, 1871, lived almost all of the time in Europe, and while there made the rare and valuable 'Buffum Collection of Amber' which was given to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and placed on exhibition there.

3. Lorenzo, born April 13, 1822; died February 9, 1841 (not married).
4. Alvina, born February 11, 1824; died April 4, 1886; married Edward A. White (before April, 1849). Edward A. White died May 13, 1891. They had one daughter, Anna S. White.
5. Theodore Augustus, born April 10, 1828; died February 8, 1829.
6. Theodore A., 2nd, born March 22, 1829; died May 13, 1858; married Harriet W. Jackson, January 6, 1850. She died November 15, 1866, aged 37 years.

98. *Valentine Simmons* * (75–7) married (1) *Mary Ann Lombard*,† August 20, 1826, born November 14, 1809, died March 23, 1843; married (2) Lydia Bailey, August 29, 1844, born December 17, 1804; died May 18, 1893.

Children, by *Mary Ann Lombard*:

1. Bennoni, born December 4, 1828; died May 20, 1850, at sea.
2. Peter Lombard, born May 9, 1831; married Annie M. Stearns, January 11, 1858; died July 22, 1900.
3. Helena Antoinette, born in Boston, June 16, 1833; married Francis T. Church, November 5, 1855, at Little Compton, R.I.; died February 19, 1904.
4. Mary Ann, born August 7, 1835; married George R. Drowne, November 5, 1855, in Little Compton, R.I.; died February 21, 1863, in Providence. George R. Drowne, born May 14, 1835; died May 19, 1902.
5. Valentine, born February 19, 1838; died December 28, 1843.
6. Frank Wells, born September 9, 1839; married (1) Lizzie Gay, no children; married (2) Harriet M. Taylor, five children. Frank Wells Simmons died March 22, 1884, in Little Compton, R.I.
7. Josephine Alvina, born August 1, 1841, in Little Compton; married George R. Drowne, November 25, 1868, in Little Compton, R.I., his second wife, sister of his first wife. George R. Drowne, born

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* Valentine Simmons and his family went from Boston to Little Compton, R.I., in 1837. His first four children were born in Boston, the last five were born in Little Compton, R.I.

† Mary Ann Lombard was daughter of Peter Lombard. Peter Lombard was born November 24, 1765.

May 14, 1835; died May 19, 1902. Josephine died November 6, 1916, in Newton, Mass.

Children, by *Lydia Bailey*:

8. Anna Kempton, born September 16, 1845; married Isaac B. Cowen, December 25, 1875; died May 15, 1917. Isaac B. Cowen, born March 16, 1853; died March 23, 1886.
9. Valentine, born December 19, 1847; died July 24, 1890, unmarried.

99. *Warren Simmons* (96–1) married *Catherine Furbush.*

Children:

1. Charles Warren, married Olive Littlefield.
2. Emma Augusta, married George H. Austin.
3. Enoch, married Elizabeth Flagg, born in 1842; died in 1924.
4. Marcellus.

100. *George W. Simmons* (96–2) married *Frances Adelaide Gay.*

Children:

1. Virginia, married John W. Beals, in 1859; died in 1906; had five children.
2. Frank, died, aged 6 years.
3. George W., Jr., married Mary Hamilton Parker, of Stockbridge; had one child, Marion Owen Simmons.
4. Edith Ware, born October 20, 1845; married Joshua Gardner Beals, October 25, 1865. Edith Ware died August 8, 1927; had three children.
5. Frances A., married Edward Henshaw. She died in 1882; had seven children.
6. Chauncey, married Madeline Walker; had one child, George Walker Simmons.
7. Sally M., born in 1850; not married.
8. Thornton, born in 1855; married Rose Hamilton Hughes, of Bristol, England; no children.

101. *John Simmons, Jr.* (97–2) married *Martha Parker Vinton*, of Boston.

Child:

1. John Simmons, 3d, born October 11, 1844; died August 30, 1854.

102. *Theodore Augustus Simmons* (97–6) married *Harriet W. Jackson.*
Children:

1. Ella, born June 5, 1851; died February 15, 1853.
2. Harriet Jackson, born September 26, 1852; married Francis C. Van Horn, June 5, 1872. She died August 24, 1930, in Newport, R.I. He died April 3, 1911.
3. Lilly, born August 20, 1854; died August 20, 1854.
4. Daisy, born July 31, 1855; died August 1, 1855.
5. Genevieve, born August 26, 1856; died January 25, 1857.

103. *Peter Lombard Simmons* (98–2) married *Annie M. Stearns.*
Children:

1. William Stearns, born February 16, 1860; married Ada L. Wellington; died April 10, 1924; no children.
2. Anna Dorinda, married Edward Aspinwall; no children.

104. *Frank Wells Simmons* (98–6) married (1) *Lizzie Gay*; no children; married (2) *Harriet M. Taylor*, September 11, 1872.
Children, by *Harriet*:

1. Josephine Taylor, born June 22, 1873; married Lysander W. Manchester, January 12, 1895.
2. Minnie Church, born October 20, 1875; married Alfred H. Burnham, October 26, 1899.
3. Hattie Frank, born September 2, 1877; died May 21, 1879.
4. Valentine, born June 21, 1880; married Ruth Anna Roberts, November 17, 1909; no children.
5. Helena Antoinette, born December 12, 1882; died May 14, 1886.

INTER-MARRIAGES WITH *MAYFLOWER* DESCENDANTS

SIMMONS — ALDEN — STANDISH — SAMPSON

John Simmons (1–3), son of the first MOSES SIMMONS, married November 16, 1669, *Mercy Pabodie*, grand-daughter of John Alden.

Benjamin Simmons (3–5), grandson of the first MOSES SIMMONS, married (1) January 3, 1706, *Lorah Sampson*, grand-daughter of Henry Sampson, of the *Mayflower*, and great-grand-daughter of both John Alden and Myles Standish; married (2) July 7, 1715, *Priscilla Delano*, great-grand-daughter of both John Alden and Myles Standish.

Moses Simmons (3–6), grandson of the first MOSES SIMMONS, married March 26, 1718, *Rachel Sampson*, grand-daughter of Henry Sampson, of the *Mayflower*, and great-grand-daughter of both John Alden and Myles Standish.

Joshua Simmons (3–9), grandson of the first MOSES SIMMONS, married April 4, 1728, *Sarah Delano*, great-grand-daughter of both John Alden and Myles Standish.

JOHN ALDEN, married *Priscilla Mullens*.
Their daughter:
Sarah Alden, married Alexander Standish, son of Myles Standish.
Their daughter:
Mercy Standish, married Caleb Sampson, son of Henry Sampson, of the *Mayflower*.
Their daughters:
Lorah Sampson, married *Benjamin Simmons* (3–5), first wife.
Rachel Sampson, married *Moses Simmons* (3–6).

MYLES STANDISH married (1) Rose, died January 29, 1621;
married (2) Barbara, a sister of Rose.
Their son:
Alexander Standish, married *Sarah Alden*, daughter of John Alden.

Their daughter:

Elizabeth Standish, married *Samuel Delano*.

Their daughters:

Priscilla Delano, married *Benjamin Simmons* (3–5), second wife.

Sarah Delano, married *Joshua Simmons* (3–9).

HENRY SAMPSON, of the *Mayflower*, married Ann Plummer, February 6, 1636.

Their son:

Caleb Sampson, married *Mercy Standish*, daughter of Alexander Standish and Sarah Alden.

Their daughters:

Lorah Sampson, married *Benjamin Simmons* (3–5), first wife.

Rachel Sampson, married *Moses Simmons* (3–6).

SOME DESCENDANTS OF MOSES SIMMONS

Bearing Other Names than Simmons

Cornelius Simmons (75–1) and Margaret Lord.

George W. Simmons (96–2), son of Cornelius Simmons (75–1) and Margaret Lord, married *Frances Adelaide Gay*, August, 1833.

Children:

1. Virginia, married John W. Beals in 1859; died in 1906.
2. Frank, died, aged 6 years.
3. George W., married Mary Hamilton Parker, of Stockbridge; had one child, Marion Owen.
4. Edith Ware, born October 20, 1845; married Joshua Gardner Beals; died August 8, 1927.
5. Frances A., married Edward Henshaw; died in 1882.
6. Chauncey, married Madeline Walker; had one child, George Walker.
7. Sally M., born in 1850; not married.
8. Thornton H., born in 1855; married Rose Hamilton Hughes, of Bristol, England; no children.

John W. Beals married *Virginia Simmons* (100–1)

Children:

1. George W., married Emily E. Boise, Philadelphia.
2. Grace H., married Amory A. Wainwright.
3. Whitney, married —— Cottreaux.
4. Russell Bowditch, born September 3, 1871; married Alice W. Rice, September 5, 1901.
5. Prescott Gordon, married Anna G. Holland, April 4, 1907.

Joshua Gardner Beals married *Edith Ware Simmons* (100–4)

Children:

1. Gertrude B., born May 2, 1868; married Frank A. Bourne, June 15, 1904.

2. Gardner, born January 14, 1873; married Bessie Ludlam, June 3, 1913.
3. Sidney L., born April 22, 1880.

Edward Henshaw married *Frances A. Simmons* (100–5).

Children:

1. Edward.
2. Francis A.
3. Rosamond H.
4. Richard D.
5. Edith S.
6. Bertha D.
7. Charles S.

Lydia Simmons (75–2), daughter of Bennoni and Nancy (Bailey) Simmons, married *Joseph Austin*, born June 7, 1787; died March 24, 1860.

Children:

1. William Boles Austin, born in 1806; married Mary McCann; died July, 1865; one child, John H. Austin, unmarried.
2. Joseph Austin, born in 1825; died October 25, 1882; unmarried.
3. John Simmons Austin, born September 2, 1829; married Mary Ann Wilbour, November 28, 1850, born June 2, 1832; died August 27, 1905.
4. George Henry Austin, born June 2, 1832; died August 27, 1905; married Emma Augusta Simmons (99–2), daughter of Warren Simmons (96–1).

John Simmons Austin, married *Mary Ann Wilbour*, daughter of Benjamin F. Wilbour and Abby Maria Taylor, born in Little Compton, R.I.

Children:

1. Ella Arvilla, born December 27, 1851; married Zenas G. Baker, November 29, 1871; born February 28, 1848; one child, Lilian M. Baker, born March 20, 1875.
2. Agnes McKeene, born November 7, 1855; married Herbert A. Howland; died April 19, 1909; no children.

3. Joseph Franklin, born March 27, 1860; died June 16, 1861.
4. George Henry, born August 19, 1862; died September 11, 1862.
5. Wilbur Simmons, born July 20, 1865; married Minnie B. Curtis.

George Henry Austin married *Emma A. Simmons* (99–2).

Children:

1. Henry Warren.
2. Emma Augusta, unmarried.
3. George Henry.

Wilbur Simmons Austin married *Minnie B. Curtis*, born July 19, 1867.

Children:

1. Agnes May, born October 12, 1885.
2. Wilbur Simmons, born January 2, 1890; died May, 1901.
3. Adelia Marion, born December 24, 1888; married Clifton Sias; one daughter, Dorothy E.
4. George Curtis, born December 3, 1896; married Dorothea Heald; one son, George C.
5. Mildred B., born December 3, 1896; married, November 15, 1917, Lester L. White; two daughters, Margery and Betty.

Mary Simmons (75–4) married *Colonel Frederick Almy*, December 20, 1814, at Little Compton, R.I. He was son of Sanford and Lydia (Gray) Almy, born November 20, 1786; died July 13, 1877, at Little Compton. Mary (Simmons) Almy died May 12, 1875.

Their children were:

1. George W. Almy, born November 23, 1815; married Harriet Lewis, August, 1843; died March 27, 1900.
2. John S. Almy, born November 23, 1815; married Lydora Sisson, December 23, 1843, daughter of Greene B. Sisson and Hope (Potter) Sisson. Lydora (Sisson) Almy died August 18, 1882. John S. Almy died May 20, 1904, in Little Compton.
3. Sylvester Almy, born January 20, 1818; not married; died March 27, 1882, in Boston.

4. Valentine Almy, born March 29, 1831; not married; died August 14, 1855.

Comfort Simmons (75–8) married *Lemuel Sisson*, son of Lemuel and Susannah (Lake) Sisson, born May 27, 1805, at Portsmouth, R.I. Their children were:

1. Mary Ann Sisson, born October 23, 1831; married George Clewes Tallman, in 1856. She died January 2, 1892, in Little Compton. Children of *George C.* and *Mary Ann Tallman*:
    1. Marion Simmons Tallman, born October 22, 1859; married Edward I. Chace.
    2. Henrietta Tallman, born March 8, 1862; married Edwin Cornell.
2. Susan Elizabeth Sisson, born March 16, 1836; married Edwin T. Seabury, 1867. She died June 15, 1910, in Little Compton. No children. Edwin T. Seabury, born April 7, 1840; died April 23, 1911.

JOHN SIMMONS (75–6) and ANN SMALL.

Alvina Simmons (97–4), daughter of John Simmons and Ann Small, married Edward A. White; had one daughter, Anna Simmons White, born January 6, 1850; married Henry Sherburne Rowe, October 22, 1873, in Boston. She died October 26, 1911.

Henry Sherburne Rowe and *Anna Simmons Rowe* had two children, born in Boston:

1. Marion Simmons Rowe, born November 4, 1875; married George B. Poole.
2. Edward Prescott Rowe, born December 1, 1879; married Eleanor Livingston, in New York, October 22, 1904. Lived in Brookline, Mass.

    Edward Prescott Rowe and *Eleanor Livingston Rowe* had two children:

    1. Henry Livingston Rowe, born November 3, 1905, in New York, N.Y.
    2. Eleanor Livingston Rowe, born January 10, 1913, in Brookline, Mass.

VALENTINE SIMMONS (98) and (1) MARY ANN LOMBARD and (2) LYDIA BAILEY.

Helena Antoinette Simmons (98–3), born June 16, 1833; married Francis T. Church in Little Compton, R.I., November 5, 1855.
Child:
Lena Simmons Church, born August 15, 1856; married Charles Thayer Lincoln, October 18, 1876.

Mary Ann Simmons (98–4), born August 7, 1835; married George R. Browne, November 5, 1855, in Little Compton, R.I.; died February 21, 1863.

Josephine Alvina Simmons (98–7), born August 1, 1841; married George R. Browne, November 25, 1868, in Little Compton, R.I.; died November 6, 1916. George R. Browne, born May 14, 1835; died May 19, 1902.
(By *Lydia Bailey*)

Anna Kempton Simmons (98–8), born September 16, 1845; married Isaac B. Cowen, December 25, 1875, in Little Compton, R.I.; died May 15, 1917. Isaac B. Cowen, born March 16, 1853; died March 23, 1886.

George Russell Drowne, born in Providence, R.I., May 14, 1835; died May 19, 1902; married (1) November 5, 1855, *Mary Ann Simmons* (98–4), born in Boston, August 7, 1835; died in Providence, February 21, 1863; married (2) November 25, 1868, *Josephine Alvina Simmons* (98–7), born August 1, 1841, in Little Compton, R.I.; died November 6, 1916, in Newton, Mass.
Children by *Mary Ann Simmons*:

1. George R. Drowne, Jr., born January 24, 1857; married, August 4, 1879, Cora Bradford; died in Chicago, May 21, 1894.
2. Julia Stafford Drowne, born April 8, 1861; married William A. Francis, August 27, 1885; died June 13, 1932, in Arlington, Mass., Hospital. William A. Francis, born March 7, 1861.

Children by *Josephine Alvina Simmons*:

3. Marie Antoinette Drowne, born November 26, 1869, in Boston; died June 12, 1877, in Providence.
4. Wilfrid S. Drowne, born March 30, 1875, in Providence; married Helen Towle, September 24, 1901, in Newburyport, Mass.
5. Ethel L. Drowne, born September 25, 1876, in Little Compton;

married A. Ridgley Marsh, August 6, 1926. A. R. Marsh, born December 19, 1879.

William A. Francis married *Julia S. Drowne.*

Children:

1. Stafford Allen Francis, born October 25, 1887; married Sylvia M. Bailey, April 16, 1923, in Detroit.
2. Mary Frances, born February 9, 1889; married Samuel H. Newhall, June 26, 1915, in Exeter.
3. Antoinette Frances, born November 7, 1900; married William C. White, June 29, 1929, in Boston.

Wilfrid Simmons Drowne married *Helen Towle.*

Children:

1. Prescott Rowe, born January 25, 1903; married Mary Adelaide Benger, June 15, 1929, in Newton, Mass.
2. Dorothy, born September 28, 1904; married Walter Dexter Brownell, Jr., April 11, 1928, in Newton, Mass.

Isaac B. Cowen married *Anna Kempton Simmons* (98–8).

Children, born in Little Compton, R.I.:

1. Anna Simmons, born February 23, 1878.
2. Henrietta Nowell, born November 3, 1879.

JOHN SIMMONS

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JOHN SIMMONS, the founder of Simmons College, was born in Little Compton, Rhode Island, October 30, 1796, the son of Bennoni Simmons and Nancy (Bailey) Simmons. He died in Little Compton, August 29, 1870. Realizing that his death was near, he had gone to Little Compton so that he might die where he was born. After his death, his body was placed in the tomb, under the monument which he had erected in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts, after the death of his wife, Ann (Small) Simmons, in 1861. He purchased the cemetery lot in 1836.

Mr. Simmons was a direct descendant of MOSES SIMMONS, who came in the second party of "Pilgrims" from Leyden, Holland, in the ship *Fortune*, and landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts, November 19, 1621, one year after the arrival of the *Mayflower*.

When only fifteen years of age, John Simmons came from Little Compton to Boston with his brother Cornelius, who was eleven years older. They had very little, if any, money, but by hard work and saving they were able to start a small tailor-shop in North Street, which was then called Ann Street and was in the business centre of Boston, being near Faneuil Hall and Dock Square.

Cornelius Simmons died October 5, 1822, and John carried on the business alone, from that time. John Simmons's success was remarkable; his business increased and developed so that, before 1844, he occupied the second floor of the large Quincy Market Building, then called Quincy Hall. The premises were afterwards occupied by the Ames Plow Company.

Mr. Simmons was then doing the largest wholesale clothing business in New England. He was the first clothing dealer to send travelling salesmen West. Many of the large wholesale clothing dealers of Boston in the following years, learned the business in Mr. Simmons's store.

Justin Winsor, in his *Memorial History of Boston*, says: "The manufacture of ready-made clothing was practically begun by John Simmons, between 1830 and 1835. It gradually extended until it gave employment to 28,935 persons in the year 1875, within the State, of whom about 15,000 were employed in Boston."

During the Civil War in the United States, 1861 to 1865, many of the manufacturers of men's clothing made a great deal of money by supplying the army with inferior clothing made from what was called "shoddy" cloth. Shoddy was wool fibre recovered from wool rags for manufacture into cloth. Mr. Simmons never took any army contracts and never made any shoddy clothing.

When Mr. Simmons was making and selling clothing, the cloth was cut out by pattern, in parts for garments, in the shop in Boston, then sent into the country where the farmers' wives and daughters sewed up the parts into garments. The garments were then returned to the shop in Boston, where they were pressed into proper shape. This may have been one reason why Mr. Simmons left the trust fund, very wisely invested, to found Simmons College, and made very careful provision for its maintenance, so as to give girls free instruction and education to enable them to acquire an independent livelihood.

In 1844, after John Simmons left North Street, George W. Simmons, a son of John's brother Cornelius, carried on a retail clothing store in North Street in a Gothic-style building which he called "Oak Hall." "Oak Hall" was advertised very extensively. After the death of George W. Simmons, the business was moved to Washington Street and soon after was sold out and discontinued.

Mr. Simmons's business was profitable and as he accumulated money he invested in real estate. On May 13, 1841, he bought of George Hayward the land and building at 133 Tremont Street, next to and north of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. On this land he built a new brownstone and brick house in which he lived until his death in 1870. When it was built, this house was said to have been the finest interior finished house in Boston; the doors were made of rosewood and the door casings were of Italian marble.

John Simmons's House St. Paul's Church Masonic Temple

TREMONT STREET BETWEEN TEMPLE PLACE AND WINTER STREET

MRS. JOHN SIMMONS

There were no stores on Tremont Street south of Park Street; only dwelling-houses facing the Common.

After building this house, Mr. Simmons built two brownstone houses, Nos. 1 and 2 Arlington Street, No. 1, on the corner of Beacon Street for himself, and the adjoining house, No. 2, for his daughter, Mrs. White, who then lived at 226 Tremont Street. They did not move into these Arlington Street houses because Mrs. Simmons did not like to live so far out of the city. These houses were afterwards sold, No. 1 to William F. Weld and No. 2 to Charles Faulkner. With the possible exception of the house built by Nathan Matthews, at the corner of Arlington Street and Commonwealth Avenue, since occupied by J. Montgomery Sears, I think the two houses built by Mr. Simmons were the first dwelling-houses built on Arlington Street. Beacon Street, at that time, from Arlington Street out, was merely a causeway on top of the mill-dam, without houses. There was a toll-gate just where Dartmouth Street is now located, and tolls were collected there until December 8, 1868.

It was not until 1857 that authority was given the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Boston Water Power Company to fill in the salt marsh land which was partly covered by water at high tide and extended from Charles Street to Roxbury and Brookline.

In 1814, the Legislature of Massachusetts granted to a small group of men, under the name of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, a charter empowering them to build a dam, from Charles Street in Boston at the foot of Beacon Street, to Brookline and a cross-dam from Gravelly Point in Roxbury to the main dam. This charter was granted to provide roadways and levy tolls, and also to develop water power by the tidal flow, in and out, of the Back Bay. The mill-dam from Charles Street, Boston, to Brookline and the roadway were completed and opened for travel July 2, 1821.

The Honorable William Gray owned Gravelly Point and was in control of a corporation which owned a tidal-water-power mill

on the cross-dam from Gravelly Point. He joined with Nathan Matthews in the formation of the Boston Water Power Company, which, as stated above, was, in 1857, granted, in co-operation with the Commonwealth, the right to fill in the marsh land, covered at high tide with salt water, from Charles Street, Boston, to Brookline and Roxbury. The roadway on top of the cross-dam to Gravelly Point was called Parker Street.

Mr. Simmons had a very strong preference for real estate as an investment. In his will, he said, "real estate or real estate mortgages being, however, considered by me preferable to Government bonds, or to stocks or other securities, for investment." During his whole life he continued to invest in real estate almost entirely, in the most valuable business section of Boston.

On April 1, 1850, Mr. Simmons bought the land and building at the northwest corner of Water and Congress Streets, where the National Shawmut Bank Building now stands. He rebuilt the building and named it Simmons Building. This building was burned in the great fire of November, 1872, and a new Simmons Building was erected by the Trustees under the will of John Simmons, Mr. Simmons having died August 29, 1870.

In 1857, Mr. Simmons bought the land and building at the corner of Franklin and Arch Streets and the land and building at the other end of the same block, at the corner of Franklin and Hawley Streets. Both of these buildings were burned in the fire of November, 1872, and were rebuilt by the Trustees under the will of John Simmons.

In 1858, he bought land and building, Nos. 161–167 Devonshire Street, between Milk and Franklin Streets. This building was burned in 1872 and rebuilt by the Trustees. In 1904, this building was torn down and a new building was erected by the Trustees and named the Compton Building.

In 1865, he bought land and a building on Devonshire Street, halfway between Water and Milk Streets, where Kidder, Peabody and Company are now located. The building looked like a barn and was used for the manufacture of boilers. Mr. Simmons had

the building torn down and in its place erected an office building which he called the Rialto Building.

In 1866, he bought the land and buildings between his Rialto Building and Milk Street and, after tearing down the buildings, he extended his Rialto Building to Milk Street. This additional land is now covered by the New England Trust Company's building, the Rialto Building having been torn down.

At the time of the fire of 1872, this addition to the Rialto Building, at the corner of Devonshire and Milk Streets, was not completed, only the granite walls and iron-work were standing; no window frames or wood to burn. This condition of the building, with that of the unfinished Post Office Building on the other side of Devonshire Street at the corner of Milk Street, in like condition of granite walls only, kept the fire from spreading north across Milk Street. The Old South Church, with its pitched slate roof, between the Rialto Building and Washington Street, helped to check the fire at Milk Street.

In the Post Office Building there was nothing but the granite walls and the steel floor beams across which were some planks. There were no floors. The writer of this stood on the planks across the steel floor beams of the first floor, with the masonry contractor who built the building, John W. Leighton, and saw the buildings across Milk Street burn to the ground. We felt safer there than outside from falling walls and fire. The heat was so intense that it made steam of the moisture in the granite of the Post Office Building and chipped off the granite on the upper part of the building in large pieces which we heard drop upon the sidewalk in Milk Street. We protected ourselves somewhat from the heat by standing behind the granite piers between the window openings.

As we stood there in the Post Office Building, we were almost surrounded by fire. On three sides buildings were burning which were burned to the ground. On the Devonshire Street side of the Post Office Building, the spreading of the fire across Milk Street was stopped by the unfinished new part of the John Simmons

Rialto Building on the corner of Milk and Devonshire Streets. This also saved the original part of the Rialto Building which was not burned and in which, on the day after the fire, the firm with which I was, at that time, opened offices on the third floor, which was inside the fire lines.

The open Post Office Square protected us on that side, but the fire burned down Milk Street and around Post Office Square, then up Water Street to Devonshire Street, burning the buildings to the ground. The fire worked over as far as State Street, where it was stopped on Sunday at noon. The buildings on State Street were not burned to the ground.

The fire started about seven-thirty o'clock, Saturday evening, November 9, 1872, in the building on the southeast corner of Summer and Kingston Streets, in the elevator well at the rear of the building on Kingston Street. It burned through this building into the building across Summer Street, southeast of Otis Street, then turned northwest across Otis Street and into the rear of the buildings on the northeast side of Summer Street.

The firm with which I was connected occupied the second floor of the building at the corner of Summer and Arch Streets, where Smith, Patterson and Company are now located. The flames came through a narrow passageway from Otis Street, into the side of our building, through windows on the second floor, as I was taking our most important books out of our safe vault near the windows. I secured the books and took them to a place of safety on Beacon Hill, so that we were able to go on with our regular business on Monday morning.

From Kingston Street, where it started, the fire worked up Summer Street to Washington Street and started to burn along the southeast side of Washington Street. The fire engines were massed here to prevent the fire from crossing Washington Street, and the fire did not cross.

When the fire had burned along the southeast side of Washington Street almost to Milk Street, the firemen formed a line in Milk Street to stop the fire there. They tried to check the fire by

blowing up, by gunpowder, a building at the corner of Milk Street and Morton Place, now Arch Street, but the powder only blew out the windows and soon after the fire went right into the building. The gunpowder was sent up from Fort Warren and brought up State Street by the First Corp of Cadets. At the time of this explosion, I was standing in a doorway in Water Street, the next street to Milk Street. We had been warned of the explosion, so we got under cover. After the explosion, we went down Milk Street and into Pearl Street, where almost all the occupants of the stores were wholesale shoe dealers.

Before the fire reached this point, the owners were trying to carry their goods up to the Common. As we reached there, we saw the flames coming into Pearl Street from Summer Street, and the owners opened their doors, inviting the men in the street to come in and help themselves to shoes. We saw men come out of the stores carrying large loads of shoes on their backs. They would go along the street until out of reach of the flames, then sit down on the steps of the doorway and try on the shoes until they found shoes to fit, then go on, leaving the rest of the shoes on the doorsteps.

We saw solid flames reach across Pearl Street from one side to the other with no one there to attempt to stop them. The fire had a clear, uninterrupted sweep from Washington Street to the water of the harbor.

In 1868 and 1869, Mr. Simmons bought, from nine separate owners, land and buildings at the corner of Hanover and Union Streets and rebuilt the buildings in one large building.

In 1870, he bought a large tract of the filled-in land in the Back Bay, the triangle formed by Columbus Avenue, Ferdinand Street, and Isabella Street, where the Cadet Armory now stands, and the brick building in the rear, which was the first electric light plant in Boston. It was built by the Brush Electric Light Company. This Back Bay land was afterwards sold by the Trustees under the will of Mr. Simmons and the proceeds were reinvested

in other real estate, as directed in the will for the proceeds of any sale of property of the trust.

At the time of his death, in 1870, John Simmons left two daughters and two grand-daughters.

The two daughters were Mary Ann Simmons and Alvina Simmons.

Mary Ann Simmons was married June 29, 1871, to William Arnold Buffum. She had no children. She died April 17, 1887, in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Alvina Simmons was married to Edward A. White. She had one daughter, Anna Simmons White. Alvina died April 4, 1886, in Boston.

Of the two grand-daughters, one, Anna Simmons White, daughter of Alvina Simmons White, born January 6, 1850, was married to Henry S. Rowe October 22, 1873. She had two children. She died October 26, 1911, in Boston.

The second grand-daughter, Harriet Jackson Simmons, daughter of Theodore Simmons and Harriet Jackson, was married to Francis Cortlandt Van Horn June 5, 1872. She had three children. She died August 24, 1930, in Newport, Rhode Island.

There is now no living descendant of John Simmons bearing the name Simmons.

SIMMONS COLLEGE

The Reason Why
Simmons College Is Not a Free College
As Intended By Mr. Simmons

SIMMONS COLLEGE

JOHN SIMMONS, the founder of Simmons College, was born in Little Compton, Rhode Island, November 30, 1796, and died in Little Compton, August 29, 1870. His home was in Boston, where he lived from the time he was fifteen years old.

By his will dated June 1, 1867, and the codicil to the will, dated January 15, 1870, he gave nine tenths of all his property to found and endow Simmons Female College as a free educational institution for young women, giving instruction without cost to the students.

Students of Simmons College have told me that Mr. Simmons has been severely criticized in the College because he did not give more to support the College. The students are justified in criticizing somebody, but not Mr. Simmons, for their having to pay anything for instruction.

Mr. Simmons, by his will, provided fully for the founding and maintenance of the College and the payment of the expenses of instruction. He provided sufficient funds, if the funds had been held and managed as he directed in his will and as required by the charter granted to the College. The financial difficulties of the College are not the fault of Mr. Simmons.

The charter of Simmons College was granted by the Legislature of Massachusetts, "subject to the terms and in accordance with the provisions of the will of John Simmons."

In justice to Mr. Simmons, I consider it my duty, as Trustee under his will, to call attention to the terms and provisions of his will which were incorporated in the charter granted to Simmons College by the Legislature of Massachusetts. They show that *Mr. Simmons intended to found and endow a free school* and

that he made provision for the payment of the expense of instruction, making it free to the students.

In Article Five of the codicil of his will, Mr. Simmons authorizes the payment from income "of the expenses of instruction." Instruction is the only College maintenance expense specifically mentioned in the will to be taken from income.

Article Sixteen of the will of John Simmons is worded as follows:

It is my will to found and endow an institution to be called the Simmons Female College, for the purpose of teaching medicine, music, drawing, designing, telegraphy, and other branches of art, science, and industry best calculated to enable the scholars to acquire an independent livelihood; and I will and direct my said Trustees to hold said estates... and to collect and receive the rents and income thereof, and suffer the same to accumulate until said accumulations shall... reach the value of five hundred thousand dollars: and *at and from the time* when said accumulations shall have become equal in value to *five hundred thousand dollars, then* in trust to hold, manage, and apply said trust property and the income and increase thereof, for the benefit of said College.

Provided, however, and *it is my will*, that said principal trust estates described in Articles Third and Fourth, and any estates in which the proceeds of any sales thereof shall be invested, *shall be held as a permanent trust fund, not to be reduced or impaired*, but the *net rents and income only* thereof to be *applied from time to time* to the support of said College and payment of its current expenses.

In Article Seventeen of his will, Mr. Simmons said:

"It is my wish that *none of the estates* devised to the permanent trust fund *shall be sold*... I having purchased the estates with great care and consideration, with a view to *make them permanent investments*."

In Article Eighteen, Mr. Simmons directed that his Trustees should invest the proceeds of any sale or sales which they might make, in real estate, real estate mortgages, United States bonds or scrip.

In the *Boston Post* newspaper of January 13, 1894, was published the following description of the will of John Simmons:

FOR WOMEN

They Will Have a Free College Before Long

JOHN SIMMONS' GIFT

It was made in 1870, but the Big Fire Called a Halt

Fund now Nearly Sufficient

Few people know that there is a big endowment fund in the hands of trustees here in Boston for the establishment of one of the largest free female colleges in the world. The fund is the bequest of John Simmons, one of Boston's most successful merchants, who died in 1870.

The original grant was not to be impaired or reduced, and only the net rents and income were to be applied from time to time for the support of the college and the payment of the current expenses.

On Saturday night, November 9, 1872, the whole business section of Boston was ravaged by the most destructive fire in the city history.

The blow to the Simmons fund was a terrible one, nothing but the land being left in the hands of the trustees.

If the trustees had sold the land in 1872, the Simmons College could never have been founded; but they held it, and hired the money to rebuild the large blocks which now occupy the sites of the burned buildings.

Since 1872 the trustees have been using the income from these buildings to pay up the mortgage indebtedness on them. That is, they have been trying to recover the original bequest destroyed by the flames twenty-two years ago. The present trustees are paying off the mortgages on the various estates as fast as the income from the estates will allow. The present income is immense, the property being situated in the business heart of the city. Then, too, the rise in rents has largely increased the income.

The trustees say to a *Post* reporter that they think at the present rate of income the mortgage indebtedness will be cleared up in a very few years.

The property, when free of debt, will be worth several million dollars, and as soon as the estates are free of debt, the income fund of $500,000, designed by Mr. Simmons as a building fund, will accumulate in a very short time. As soon as the building fund accumulates according to the terms of the will, the trustees are required to erect suitable college buildings at a cost not to exceed said sum.

In Article Five of the codicil to his will, Mr. Simmons

authorized his [three] Trustees, or in case they do not all agree, a majority of them, to found and establish Simmons Female College, and procure to be formed and established a corporation under the laws of the State of Massachusetts for the purpose of holding and managing the property of said College, and conducting its affairs; and said Trustees shall, when if ever said corporation shall be formed and organized as aforesaid, or, in case they cannot agree, of a majority of them, assign and convey the whole of said trust property, and of the income and increase thereof remaining undisposed of as aforesaid, to said corporation, to be held, used and applied by said corporation, for the benefit of said College.

Before the Trust Fund was turned over by the Trustees to the College Corporation, two of the Trustees claimed the entire control of the College Fund and had a lock put on the Trustees' Cash-Book so that the third Trustee could not have access to the book. The lock is still on the D Cash-Book, which is now in my possession, as surviving Trustee.

In the same Article Five of the codicil, Mr. Simmons wrote:

It is my will that said Trustees, or, in case they do not all agree, a majority of them, shall, within a reasonable time after my decease, make and establish by-laws, rules, regulations, and directions for the management of said College and the conduct of its affairs; *subject, however, to revision, amendment and alteration thereof and additions thereto by the Trustees for the time being under my will.*

After it was formed, the College Corporation sent to the Trustees

under the will of Mr. Simmons the printed annual report of the College from 1903 to 1910, and then discontinued giving the Trustees any information, regardless of Article Five of the codicil to the will, which reads as follows:

> The by-laws, rules, regulations and directions for the management of said college and the conduct of its affairs [shall be] subject, however, to revision, amendment and alteration thereof and additions thereto by the Trustees for the time being under my will.

The great Boston fire of November 9, 1872, destroyed nearly all of the buildings belonging to the John Simmons estate. Many of the insurance companies failed, and very little, if any, of the insurance on the buildings was paid, so that the land was almost all that was left of the estate.

Trustees were authorized by the Legislature of Massachusetts to mortgage land to enable them to rebuild buildings destroyed by the fire. The Simmons estate land was mortgaged to rebuild the buildings. The total amount of the mortgages, as stated on the books of the Trustees, was in November, 1872, $900,000. On March 31, 1880, it was $811,784.50. On October 1, 1899, the day of the transfer from the Trustees to the Corporation, it was $435,000, the Trust Fund being impaired to that extent on those dates. The provisions of the will of Mr. Simmons and the charter granted by the Commonwealth both required that the Endowment Fund should not be "reduced or impaired."

While the trust property was held by the Trustees, a part of the income payable to the two daughters of Mr. Simmons was withheld and used to pay on the mortgages and reduce the impairment of the fund.

When the Trustees under the will of Mr. Simmons turned the Trust over to the College Corporation, October 1, 1899, the account on page 10 of the Trustees' Ledger D shows that they had paid out on the mortgages $381,534.76. The Simmons College Corporation called this amount, $381,534.76, "accumulated income," although it had been paid out on the mortgages.

In the first annual report of Simmons College Corporation, dated November 9, 1903, for the year ending September 30, 1903, they claim to have had, at that time, accumulated income amounting to $704,836.80.

The Trustees' Cash-Book D shows that on October 1, 1899, the day on which the Trustees under the will of John Simmons turned over to the College Corporation all of the College Trust Fund, the whole of the accumulated College income amounted to only	$160,418.53
An increase in four years, October 1, 1899, to October 1, 1903 of	$544,418.27
Although by the printed College reports the increase in income for one year, October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903, was only	$52,299.14
For one year, October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904, was only	23,633.17

Included in the above $704,836.80, accumulated income claimed by the College Corporation, is the $381,534.76 paid on the mortgages, by the Trustees, to repair, in part, the impairment of the Trust Endowment Fund.

This appears to have been an attempt to show the $500,000 of accumulated income, required by the will of Mr. Simmons before the College could have the use of any of the income, when there was not that amount of accumulated income, and the principal of the Trust Fund was impaired to the amount of $435,000.

In the second annual report of Simmons College, for the year ending September 30, 1904, the President of the College said:

> Of the *income accumulated since the death of the founder*, the report of the Treasurer shows that the sum of $462,521.07 has been invested in land, buildings and equipment, and that the sum of $316,719.74 remains to complete the construction and equipment of the new College building.

These two amounts make a total of $779,240.81, called "accumulated income." But included in this $779,240.81 was the $381,534.76 paid on the mortgages by the Trustees under the will of John Simmons as recorded on page 10 of the Trustees'

Ledger D. This was paid to repair the impairment of the Endowment Trust Fund, so became principal and was not accumulated income.

The Simmons College Corporation claims that on October 1, 1899, when the Trust Fund was turned over by the Trustees to the Corporation, the accumulated income of the College Fund was $541,529.74.

The Trustees' Cash-Book D, page 345, shows that on October 1, 1899, the accumulated income turned over to the Corporation was	$160,418.53
To this the Corporation added the amount paid on the mortgages by the Trustees, as stated above, and which was not accumulated income	381,534.76
	$541,953.29
From this was deducted for "appraisal and storage"	423.55
Making the amount claimed as "accumulated income"	$541,529.74

In his second annual report, for the year ending September 30, 1904, the President of Simmons College, Henry Lefavour, said, "*It is clear* that the income from the principal trust fund of the College *ought not to be used* for other than educational purposes."

He also said, "The principal trust fund of $2,094,045.88 represents the present valuation of the property left by Mr. Simmons."

The Treasurer's report of June 30, 1904, shows that $1,865,624 of this $2,094,045.88 principal Trust Fund was invested in stocks and bonds. Mr. Simmons directed his Trustees to invest the proceeds of any sales in real estate, real estate mortgages, or United States bonds.

The Treasurer of Simmons College, in his report of June 30, 1931, states that "$840,008.40 of the John Simmons Endowment Trust Fund was at that time invested in dormitories."

Mr. John Simmons, in his will, said:

It is my will that the trust estates and other property devised to the

College *shall* be held as a permanent trust fund, not to be reduced or impaired, but the net rents and income only thereof to be applied from time to time to the support of said College and the payment of its current expenses.

I was told by one of the original Trustees named in the will that from the time of the death of Mr. Simmons, in 1870, certain women were frequently coming to the office of the Trustees to find out how soon it was possible for them to get possession of the Simmons College Endowment Fund and show how they could manage a women's college.

In 1899, a petition for a charter for Simmons Female College was presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts by a group of men and women, including the two Trustees who had the lock put on the Trustees' Cash-Book.

Fearing that their object was to obtain possession of the Simmons College Trust Fund and use it as they pleased, without regard to the wishes of Mr. Simmons as expressed by him in his will, I appeared before the Joint Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, as Trustee under the will of John Simmons, and, with the grand-daughter of Mr. Simmons, protested against starting the College at that time for the reason that there were then no available funds for the use of the College, and that there was also an existing impairment of the Endowment Fund amounting to $435,000.00 in mortgage notes still outstanding, part of the impairment caused by the fire of November, 1872, which, by the will of Mr. Simmons, should have been made good before the income of the fund could be used. I stated that the College could not be started then except by using the Endowment Trust Fund which Mr. Simmons said, in his will, "should not be reduced or impaired." He also said, in his will, that the income could not be used until it had accumulated to the value of $500,000.00.

At that time, in 1899, there was an impairment of the Endowment Trust Fund of $435,000.00 in mortgage notes still outstanding and the accumulated income amounted to only $160,418.53.

The auditor's report, dated April 15, 1900, states that there

were then outstanding in mortgage notes given for rebuilding after the fire of November, 1872, $435,000.00, as follows:

Simmons Building, corner of Congress Street	$150,000.00	
Simmons Building, 40 Water Street	60,000.00	
New Rialto Building	75,000.00	
41–47 Franklin Street	80,000.00	
65–71 Franklin Street	70,000.00	
		$435,000.00
This was an impairment of the Trust Fund and should have been made good.		
On page 345 of the Trustees' Cash Book D, it is stated that the amount of accumulated income transferred to the College Corporation by the Trustees on October 1, 1899, was		$160,418.53
If this had been used to pay on the mortgage notes, there would still have been an impairment of the trust fund of		$274,581.47
This should have been paid off and the income accumulated to the value of $500,000.00 before the Corporation should act		500,000.00
Making the amount required by the will of Mr. Simmons before the Corporation could have the use of the Trust Fund		$774,581.47

In Article Sixteen of his will, Mr. Simmons said: "At and from the time when said accumulations shall have become equal in value to five hundred thousand dollars, then in trust to hold, manage and apply said trust property and the income and increase thereof, for the benefit of said College."

If the Corporation had not sold the real estate given by Mr. Simmons in the Trust Fund, but had held it as a permanent trust fund as directed by Mr. Simmons, the income from the Fund would have accumulated, in five years, to the above $774,581.47, and the College would have been self-supporting and free, as intended by Mr. Simmons.

The petitioners had sufficient political influence in the Legislature to carry through anything they wished.

Simmons Female College was incorporated by Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1899, approved May 24, 1899. The name was changed to Simmons College by Act of Legislature, March 9, 1915.

We did not succeed in delaying the starting of the College until sufficient funds had accumulated as directed by Mr. Simmons, but we did succeed in having the terms and provisions of the will of Mr. Simmons incorporated in the charter, as follows:

Massachusetts, Acts of 1899, Chapter 395.
An Act to Incorporate Simmons Female College.
Approved, May 24, 1899.

Section 2. The purposes of such corporation shall be to furnish to women instruction and training in such branches of art, science and industry as may be serviceable in enabling them to acquire a livelihood: to receive, hold and manage for that object the property and funds devised or bequeathed by the will of John Simmons, late of Boston, deceased, for the founding and endowing of an institution to be called Simmons Female College, and generally to conduct the affairs of such college.

Section 3. Said corporation is authorized to receive from the Trustees under the said will, and subject to the terms thereof, the property and funds devised or bequeathed thereby for the founding and endowing of the Simmons Female College; to hold and manage such property and funds in accordance with the provisions of said will; and to acquire, hold and manage other property for the purpose of instructing and training women as above provided. . . .

I was told by my counsel, the Honorable John D. Long, that the persons who obtained the charter for Simmons College refused to allow any member of the family of Mr. Simmons, or anyone representing the family, to become a member of the Corporation.

Two grand-daughters of Mr. Simmons, each about fifty years of age, were then living. They were not invited to the opening exercises and they were not invited to any of the exhibitions or exercises of the College. I know that one of them was never given an invitation as long as she lived, and I understood that the other grand-daughter did not receive an invitation.

As soon as the Simmons College Corporation obtained possession of the trust property given by Mr. Simmons, they proceeded at once to do as they pleased with the trust property, ignoring the

restrictions imposed on them by the Legislature of Massachusetts in their charter, that "the funds and property were to be held and managed subject to the terms of the will of John Simmons and in accordance with the provisions of said will."

In 1900, with an impairment of the Endowment Fund amounting to $435,000.00 in mortgage notes still outstanding, and without sufficient accumulated income to meet the requirements of their charter or of the will of Mr. Simmons, the Simmons College Corporation began to use the principal of the Endowment Fund to buy land and erect buildings for the use of the College, although they were restricted to the use of the income only.

In the first annual report of Simmons College, September 30, 1903, the Treasurer reports that all the real estate which Mr. Simmons left to the College, except two estates, had been sold by the College. These two estates were sold later. The College sold all the real estate which Mr. Simmons requested in his will should not be sold, as he had "purchased the estates with great care and consideration, with a view to make them permanent investments."

In their annual report, the College Corporation claimed credit for having sold all the real estate and "freed the Trust of the mortgages." They freed the mortgages by paying them out of the principal of the Trust Fund, reducing the Trust Fund and receiving only the equity value of the real estate above the amount of the mortgages.

The Endowment Fund given to the College by Mr. Simmons had a valuation of about three millions of dollars, invested in some of the most valuable land and business buildings in Boston, which Mr. Simmons had "purchased with great care and consideration, with a view to make them permanent investments." The Endowment was to be "held as a permanent trust fund, not to be used, reduced, or impaired, and only the net income thereof to be applied to the support of the College." None of the income was to be used until it had accumulated to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars. This Endowment Fund was sufficient

to found and maintain the College and provide free instruction to the students if the Fund had been kept intact, not reduced or impaired, and the net income allowed to accumulate, as required by the will of Mr. Simmons and by the charter granted by the Commonwealth.

Until the death of both of Mr. Simmons's daughters, almost all of the income from his estate was payable to them. While the trust property was in the hands of the Trustees under the will of Mr. Simmons, a part of the income payable to his daughters was withheld and used to pay off part of the mortgages and repair the impairment of the endowment fund.

One daughter died April 4, 1886; the other died April 17, 1887.

At that time, May 1, 1887, by the Trustees' books, there was only $42,965.36 of accumulated College income.

The real estate sold by the Simmons College Corporation before September 30, 1903, included nearly all the land now covered by the building of the National Shawmut Bank, at the corner of Congress Street and Water Street; the land now occupied by the building of the New England Trust Company, at the corner of Devonshire and Milk Streets; the land now occupied by the building of Kidder, Peabody and Company, on Devonshire Street; the land and building, 41–47 Franklin Street, corner of Hawley Street; the land and building, 65–71 Franklin Street, corner of Arch Street; and the house and land, the residence of Mr. Simmons, 133 Tremont Street, next north of Saint Paul's Church, now covered by the building of the Shepard Stores.

When this land was sold by the Simmons College Corporation, it was all covered with buildings which have since been torn down and rebuilt by the new owners, except the two estates on Franklin Street, which are now just as they were rebuilt after the great fire of 1872.

The two estates on Franklin Street were not sold when all the rest of the real estate was sold, before the annual report of the Corporation, September 30, 1903.

The estate, 65–71 Franklin Street, was held until 1915, when

it was sold for $295,000.00. The assessors' valuation of this estate in 1903, when the other real estate was sold, was $200,000.00, showing an increase of value of $95,000.00, nearly fifty per cent.

The estate 41–47 Franklin Street was held until 1924, when it was sold for $450,000.00. The assessors' valuation of this estate in 1903, when the other real estate was sold, was $225,000.00, showing an increase in value of $225,000.00, just one hundred per cent.

On October 1, 1899, when the Trustees under the will of John Simmons transferred the funds and property of the Simmons College Trust to the Simmons College Corporation, the three Trustees were Joseph Sawyer, Henry S. Rowe, and Henry G. Nichols.

Joseph Sawyer was named by Mr. Simmons in his will. Henry S. Rowe was appointed by the Probate Court, May 17, 1894, "to succeed Benjamin F. Brooks." Mr. Brooks was named by Mr. Simmons in his will as chairman of the three Trustees. Mr. Brooks died January 4, 1887. Henry G. Nichols was appointed by the Probate Court, May 18, 1891, "to succeed Edward A. White," who was named by Mr. Simmons in his will. Edward A. White died May 13, 1891. Henry G. Nichols died May 21, 1900. Joseph Sawyer died May 27, 1901.

After the death of Nichols and Sawyer, as sole surviving Trustee, I came into possession of all the books and accounts of the estate of John Simmons.

I found that Nichols and Sawyer had attempted to divide the trust into two separate trusts, appropriating to themselves, as Trustees, the College Trust, which was about nine tenths of the whole Trust, leaving to the three Trustees an interest in only about one tenth, which was held for the benefit of the family of John Simmons. They kept a separate account, naming themselves as Trustees of the Simmons College Trust, had a lock put on the Cash-Book so that the third Trustee could not see the cash account, and they directed the auditor to report to them as Trustees of the College Trust. These reports of the auditor are on

file in the Trustees' office. The account books are there also, including the Cash-Book with the lock on it.

The majority of the Trustees had no authority, by the will of Mr. Simmons, to divide the Trust except to transfer part of it to the Simmons College Corporation after the Corporation had been formed. Even then, by Article Five of the codicil to the will, the three Trustees for the time being under the will had the right of supervision over the management of the College and the conduct of its affairs.

On examination of the books, I was surprised to find, on page 10 of Ledger D, under date of October 1, 1899, the day on which the College Trust Fund was transferred by the Trustees to the Corporation, the following entry: "Simmons College Income" account credited with "Paid on account Mortgages College Estates $381,534.76."

This entry was made without my knowledge or consent, although I was one of the three Trustees.

When the College Trust Fund was received by the Corporation, they called this $381,534.76, "Investments in College Estates," and it was included in "Simmons College Income" September 30, 1899, $541,529.74, although the $381,534.76 had been paid on the mortgages and had become principal and was not income. This appears to be an effort to show that the income had accumulated to the amount of $500,000.00, as required by the will of Mr. Simmons, before the College could have the use of the income from the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund was not to be used, reduced, or impaired, "only the net rents and income thereof to be applied from time to time to the support of said College."

If the College Trust Fund real estate, land and buildings had not been sold, but had been held as permanent investments as requested by Mr. Simmons, the Trust Fund would have been doubled or trebled. The buildings have been changed, rebuilt or enlarged, since their sale by the College Corporation, but the land is still assessed so that the increase in the assessors' valuation of the land can be seen exactly.

Copy of Auditor's Report

Henry A. Piper, Auditor.

Boston, *April* 21, 1900

Messrs. Joseph Sawyer, Henry G. Nichols, Trustees.

Gentlemen:

Having made an examination of the accounts of the Estate of John Simmons (Trustees, Simmons Female College) covering the period from January 1, 1899, to April 15, 1900, I respectfully submit the following report:

The net gain in Income Account has been		$66,871.97
Investments:		
In mortgages	$381,534.76	
In improvements	2,656.58	
Cash on hand	174,591.68	
	$558,783.02	
Net income for the year ending December 31, 1899		$54,616.50
Mortgages payable, April 15, 1900:		
47/51 Congress Street	$150,000	
38/44 Water Street	60,000	
28/34 Milk Street	75,000	
41/47 Franklin Street	80,000	
65/71 Franklin Street	70,000	
	$435,000	

April 5, 1899.

College income for the year 1898		$49,286.09
Mortgages payable January 31, 1899		435,000.00
Income, January 31, 1899, cash	$105,931.43	
Income, paid on mortgages	381,534.76	
		$487,466.19

April 21, 1900.

Income, January 1, 1899, to April 15, 1900	$66,871.97	
Income Balance, April 15, 1900.		
Investments:		
In mortgages		$381,534.76
In improvements		2,656.58
Cash on hand		174,591.68
		$558,783.02
Mortgages payable		$435,000.00
Paid on mortgages		381,534.76

By the Boston assessors' valuation, in 1928, there had been, at that time, an increase of $1,870,522.00 in the value of the land alone in these estates since their sale by the Simmons College Corporation, showing a loss of that amount to the College Endowment Fund as shown in the accompanying statement, the figures of which were taken from the books of the Boston assessors. Not only was the $1,870,522.00 lost to the Endowment Fund, but the income on the increased value was lost to the income account.

Mr. Simmons, foreseeing the increase in value, directed in his will that none of the real estate that he gave to the College should be sold, as he had purchased the estates with great care and consideration, with a view to make them permanent investments. He depended on the College Endowment Fund receiving the full benefit of the increase in value.

The Simmons College Trust Fund was transferred from the Trustees under the will of John Simmons to the Simmons College Corporation, October 1, 1899. At that time, of the real estate belonging to the Trust Fund, the land alone was valued by the assessors of Boston, as follows:

	Assessors' Valuation 1899			Assessors' Valuation 1928	
Congress St. cor. Water St.	2938 sq. ft. at	$46	$135,148	$110 sq. ft.	$323,180
40 Water St.	6585 " " "	60	395,100	140 " "	921,900
Old Rialto, Dev. St.	3530 " " "	47	165,910	90 " "	297,700
New Rialto, Dev. and Milk St.	4000 " " "	55	220,000	170 " "	680,000
133 Tremont St.	1840 " " "	75	138,000	165 " "	303,600
65–71 Franklin St.	4831 " " "	28	135,000	65 " "	314,000
41–47 Franklin St.	5484 " " "	30	164,500	70 " "	383,800
Total valuation			$1,353,658		$3,224,180
					1,353,658

Increase in the value of the land if it had been held as directed by Mr. Simmons, until 1928 ..... $1,870,522

Increase in value per foot:	1899	1928	Increase
Congress Street	$46	$110	$64
40 Water Street	60	140	80
Old Rialto	47	90	43
New Rialto	55	170	115
133 Tremont Street	75	165	90
65–71 Franklin Street	28	65	37
41–47 Franklin Street	30	70	40

The students of Simmons College are entitled to great credit for their support of the College; without it the philanthropic gift of Mr. Simmons would have been ruined. The tuition paid by the students, from the beginning, was the only thing that saved it.

Mr. Simmons is entitled to credit from the students for trying to give them more than they are receiving. He intended to give them a free education. He directed in his will that the principal of the Endowment Trust Fund should not be used, reduced, or impaired, and that the income should be allowed to accumulate until it was sufficient to maintain the College and give free instruction to the students.

I wonder if the students realize that in the year ending June 30, 1931, 77 per cent of the income of the College was received from the students and only 23 per cent from investments.

These figures are taken from the Simmons College reports:

The students paid for instruction	$359,207.64	
The students paid for dormitories	134,883.27	
Income from students		$494,090.91
Income from investments		144,614.63
		$638,705.54

This shows what the students have done and are doing to support the College.

By selling all of the income-producing real estate of the Endowment Fund, the Corporation reduced the income of the Fund so that the income was not sufficient to pay the expense of instruction as directed by Mr. Simmons, and the students were required to pay the whole cost of instruction besides other expenses, as stated in the College reports, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT, COLLEGE INCOME FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

Received from students:

	1928	1929	1930	1931
For instruction	$291,671.20	$320,913.93	$337,817.39	$359,207.64
For dormitories	144,428.90	142,544.08	143,023.57	134,883.27
Income from students	$436,100.10	$463,458.01	$480,840.96	$494,090.91
Income from investments	148,281.70	147,110.59	144,943.92	144,614.63

Instruction:				
Received from students		$320,913.93	$337,817.39	$359,207.64
Cost to College		297,986.16	309,222.19	321,038.03
Excess of payment by students		$22,927.77	$28,595.20	$38,169.61
Dormitories:				
Received from students	$144,428.90	$142,544.08	$143,023.57	$134,883.27
Cost to College	117,260.89	113,254.14	116,747.01	108,982.13
Excess of payment by students	$27,167.81	$29,289.94	$26,276.56	$25,901.14

All students are required to live in the dormitories unless living at home.

After the death of Nichols and Sawyer, and after the Trust Fund had been transferred by the Trustees to the Simmons College Corporation, as only surviving Trustee, I was urged by a person interested in the Corporation to destroy the books and accounts of the John Simmons estate as of no further use. Of course, I refused to do so. At that time I did not know why they wanted the accounts destroyed.

October 1, 1903, Simmons College took over Miss Sarah L. Arnold's Boston Cooking School and assumed the contracts of the Cooking School for salaries and rents which the President of the College said, in his report of September 30, 1903, were a serious burden. He said, "There will also be the large rental for the rooms at 372 Boylston Street and the extra expenses attendant upon their temporary equipment."